

January

Library Happenings

Ask a Librarian



Q: Do you have any nursing journals available at the library or available databases which include nursing journals?

A: We have two nursing journals: *American Journal of Nursing* and *Nursing*. You can also use the INSPIRE databases from any computer as long as you live in Indiana. INSPIRE is a collection of databases and includes nursing journals which can be accessed and searched. *Health Source:Nursing/Academic Edition* is one database you should find useful. Another is *Nursing Resource Center & Nursing & Allied Health Collection*.

You may search **INSPIRE** on any of our library computers or your own computer. If you use your own, you will have to set up a free registration with **INSPIRE**. You will find information about setting up a password in the FAQ section.



New Year, New Services

So many new exciting services have been added throughout the past year that I wanted to take a moment to catch everyone up just in case you missed it!

Our new library catalog was installed at the beginning of 2012, but now you can access the library catalog when you're on the go. We have a special library catalog that is designed specifically for smartphones so it is easier and faster to navigate through our system. You can find our library catalog using your mobile phone via our website and click on the library catalog link at the top of the page. With this you can search the catalog, renew and request items, see what you have checked out, find out when your library is open, and contact a librarian.

Another cool feature that we have added is the ease, convenience, and security of online payments for library fines on our website. Simply log into your account on the upper right hand corner of our website with your

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STAFF RECOMMENDS

This month we would like to recommend some hidden gems among the electronic resources available to patrons at all of our library locations and to resident library cardholders from any computer anywhere.

America's News Magazines: Read the full text of both current and past articles from twenty-two popular magazines including titles such as *The Atlantic*, *Field and Stream*, *Newsweek*, *Smithsonian*, and *Working Mother*. You can browse by date to view entire issues of individual magazines or you can enter a search term to find information on a particular topic from a variety of publications.

Antiques Reference: Have you wondered how much some of those sentimental treasures lying around your house are really worth? **Antiques Reference** contains a database of thousands of items actually sold at more than 140 U.S. auction houses. Search by category or type in key words to find examples of items like yours.

Gale Legal Forms: Simple legal matters such as quit claim deeds, leases, power of attorney, and many more can be easily handled when you have access to the correct forms. **Gale Legal Forms** provides hundreds of forms to help you deal with legal and business matters. The forms can be printed out and filled in by hand, or they can be opened, filled in, and even modified as needed with your word processing program.

CollegeSource Online: **CollegeSource Online** offers profiles of thousands of colleges and universities both in the U.S. and abroad as well as links to their catalogs and websites. The advanced search feature allows you to limit by degrees offered, institution type, state, enrollment size, and/or tuition range to find the institution that meets your needs.

To find these and other electronic resources, point to "Research" in the blue bar on the LCPL home page (www.lcpln.org) and click on "Magazines, Newspapers, and Databases."

Mary Grogan
Head of Reference Services

Central Library Happenings

1919W. 81st Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410
www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm Phone 769-3541

BOOKReMARKS Online.....December 1 to 31, Daily

Jan. 1 to 31 To join the month long online book discussion of 30 Lessons for Living by Karl A. Pillemer, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Circle of Readers

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers will discuss *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett, the story of how British royalty becomes hooked on books. **Registration not required.**

Gaming Night

Jan. 16, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12-17 years of age, are invited to get together and play Wii, PlayStation 2, and board games.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Jan. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm *The Woman in Black* by Susan Hill is a classic ghost story describing the chilling tale of a menacing specter haunting a small English town.

Paper Crafts with Jane

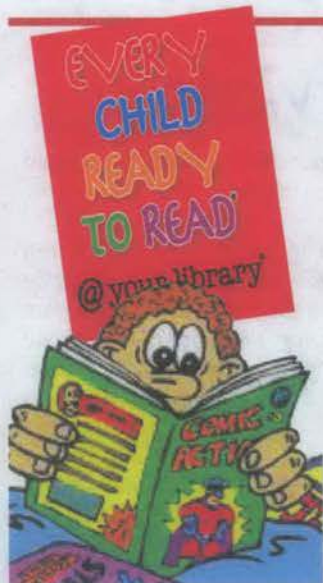
Jan. 24, Thurs. at 1pm There is a \$5 fee to cover material due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Jan. 25, Fri. at 10am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to Noon. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Jan. 25, Fri. at Noon The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



Every Child Ready to Read: Getting Ready to Read for School Success

Teaching your child early literacy skills helps ensure future school success. Research from Every Child Ready to Read, the early literacy program from the American Library Association shows that:

- Children who already know pre-reading skills can focus on learning to read when they enter Kindergarten.
- Children who start Kindergarten ready to learn to read are more likely to succeed academically throughout their school years.
- Children who start school ready to learn to read are more likely to read at or above grade level by the end of 2nd grade.
- Children who are successful readers by the end of 4th grade are more likely to graduate from high school and continue to be learners throughout their lives.
- From the time they are infants, children benefit from positive language and literary experiences.

Teaching early literacy skills is fun. Your local library has programs that teach you and your child about these skills. Contact your local library for more information, and check out the library's website at www.lcpln.org. The Cedar Lake Blog at <http://cedarlakebranch.blogspot.com/> has more information about Every Child Ready to Read, along with craft ideas and recommendations for books and music to help you teach your child the skills needed to succeed in reading and in school.

Branch Library Happenings

Griffith Branch838-2825

940 N. Broad St. Griffith, IN 46319
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Thursday Threaders

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, Thurs. at 10:30am
 Bring and work on your own craft project while enjoying the company of others.

StoryLovers

Jan. 8, Tues. at 5:30pm or Jan. 9, Wed. at 10:30am
 Amor Towle's novel, *Rules of Civility*, follows three friends from their chance meeting on New Year's Eve through a year of enlightening and tragic adventures.

Paper Creations

Jan. 9, Wed. at 1pm The \$5 fee covers materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

Mystery Loves Company

Jan. 14, Mon. at 1pm Read to discuss Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, about the Clutter family murders in 1959 with other readers.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 6:30pm Readers of Graphic Novels focus on *Batman* this month where Bruce Wayne's path as the Dark Knight is riddled with obstacles.

Book Buddies

Jan. 28, Mon. at 4pm Read to discuss Jean Shepherd's humorous tales of growing up in Northwest Indiana, in Wanda Hickey's *Night of Golden Memories*, with other readers.

Cedar Lake374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Computer Class: Sharpen Your Skills

Jan. 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6:30pm Practice what you have learned in previous computer classes.

Computer Class: E-mail Basics

Jan. 5, Sat. at 2pm Participants will set up a free email account, learn how to send and receive email, how to use attachments, and other features.

History on Film

Jan. 8, Tues. at 2pm Learn about the 70-year struggle -the alliances, infighting,

betrayals and defeats in the battle for women's right to vote viewing *One Woman, One Vote*.

Make it Hot!

Jan. 8, Tues. at 4pm Teens will warm up making salsa, hot chocolate, and more. Bring an old t-shirt to make a hat or scarf. All other supplies provided.

Snow Much Fun Crafting!

Jan. 12, Sat. at 10am Make snowy crafts and enjoy an icy treat. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Books & Chat

Jan. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *True Grit* by Charles Portis, a gripping story about the single-minded pursuit of justice in the 1870s.

Silent Library

Jan. 17, Thurs. at 4pm Teens are invited to play games and minute-to-win-it type challenges without making a sound.

History on Film

Jan. 22, Tues. at 2pm Florida is called the "Sunshine State," known for never ending sandy shores and unique sights including the Everglades, Space Center, Disney World, the Keys, and more.

Bubble Wrap Fun!

Jan. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Celebrate 'Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day' with unique stories, crafts, and games.

Highland838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322
www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion

Jan. 2, Wed. at 3:45pm Discuss Rick Riordan's incredible book, *The Lightning Thief*. **Registration not required.**

History Film

Jan. 7, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm This history film documents the construction of the Empire State Building in New York City. **Registration not required.**

Fiction Book Discussion

Jan. 8, Tues. at 2pm Readers will discuss *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. A long-lost book reappears, mysteriously connecting an old man searching for his son and a girl seeking

a cure for her widowed mother's loneliness. **Registration not required.**

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

Jan. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm The bi-monthly meeting of the Highland Community Crime Watch is presented by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov). **Registration not required.**

Teen Advisory Board

Jan. 16, Wed. at 3:45pm Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects! Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time! **Registration not required.**

Stamp Camp

Jan. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Jan. 17, Thurs. at 2pm After 25 years, Noelle and Eli Hueston are contemplating divorce, until an accident erases part of Noelle's memory. Read to discuss *The Shadow of Your Smile* by Susan May Warren. **Registration not required.**

Travel Film

Jan. 21, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Explore Athens, the capital of Greece and home to the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Roman Agora, the Popular Garden, and Parliament. **Registration not required.**

Shiloh

Jan. 22, Tues. at 6pm Teens are welcome to attend a showing of the movie *Shiloh*. Snacks provided!! **Registration not required.**

Mystery Book Discussion- Murder of Roger Ackroyd

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 7pm *Murder of Roger Ackroyd* is the most controversial of Agatha Christie's many tales, and some critics consider it the most brilliant. **Registration not required.**

Classic Film- Music of the Heart

Jan. 28, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Meryl Streep, Angela Bassett, and Aidan Quinn star in *Music of the Heart*, the true story of a teacher fighting to bring music to underprivileged kids. **Registration not required.**

Branch Library Happenings

Hobart 942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342
www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

Jan. 1 to 31 To receive a free book, submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Review form is available at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Coffee Break Tuesdays

Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29, Tues. at 10am & 4pm Between 10am-Noon and 4pm-6pm relax at your library with a free cup of java and a good book.

Tuesdays with Movies

Jan. 8, Tues. at 2pm Set in the 1960s, *The Help* is the story of black women who spend their lives taking care of prominent southern families in Jackson, MS.

Crafter's Corner

Jan. 9, Wed. at 6pm Adults and teens will make 'Exploding Picture Boxes.' Supplies will be provide, please bring pictures you won't mind cutting up.

Hobart Adult Learning Center

Registration Night

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 4pm Adults interested in completing their GED should register for class times during this session.

Teen Movie Saturday

Jan. 12, Sat. at Noon Teens, 12 to 17 years of age, are welcomed to the movie presentation of *The Avengers* on the library's cinematic screen. Rated PG-13.

Afternoon Adult Learning Classes

Jan. 14 to 31, Mon. to Thurs. from Noon to 4pm Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration required by calling Lynn Pergher at 942-2243, Ext. 317.

Evening Adult Learning Classes

Jan. 14 to 30, Mon. & Wed., from 4 to 8 pm Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration required by calling Lynn Pergher at 942-2243, Ext. 317.

Who Picked this Book?

Jan. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Jan. 16, Wed. at 6pm Part blistering espionage thriller, riveting police procedural, and piercing exposé on social injustice, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* by Stieg Larsson is a masterful, satisfying novel. **Registration is not required.**

Stamp Camp

Jan. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class-Finger Foods

Jan. 21, Mon. at 2pm Participate in a demonstration of yummy finger foods with taste-testing of the end product and recipes provided.

Teen Gaming

Jan. 22, Tues. at 4pm Teens and tweens are invited to play video games on the Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games.

Snowflake Festival

Jan. 23, Wed. at 6pm Everyone is invited to our 2nd annual Snowflake Festival with games, crafts, and yummy treats.

Evening Movie

Jan. 29, Tues. at 6pm Families are invited to see the 2011, 93 minutes, PG rated movie, *Brave*.

Lake Station 962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46406
www.lcpln.org/branches/snc.htm

Book Chat

Jan. 3, Thurs. at 10:30am Away by Amy Bloom will be discussed. A brilliant novel, which is at once heartbreaking, romantic, and completely unforgettable.

One on One Computer Classes

Jan. 8 or 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Adults can sign up for a 1 hour session on how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume.

Family Nutrition Program

Jan. 11, Fri. at 11am Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Advisor from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will dem-

onstrate how to prepare quick, tasty and healthy low-cost foods.

Talk to a Lawyer

Jan. 21, Mon. at 12:30pm To honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the local Bar Association is offering free legal consults. Lawyers will be available for brief, (10-15 Minute) free, walk-in consultation on a first-come first-served basis, no appointment necessary.

Munster 836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Independent Film

Jan. 8, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm What begins as a mundane adventure becomes a transformative journey, exploring issues of death, family, love, and sex. In Spanish with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only. Running time 81 min. [cc]

A Night at the Opera

Jan. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm Belinda Potoma of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *La Boheme* by Giacomo Puccini.

So You Want to Write?

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm Griffith resident author, Meggie Tolkland, will discuss publishing myths, writer's block, predators in the writing world, setting goals, and eliminating obstacles.

Classic Hollywood Movie

Jan. 14, Mon. at 2pm Directed by Vincent Minelli, featuring the music of George Gershwin and starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, *An American in Paris* is a love letter to the City of Lights.

The Vikings

Jan. 15, Tues. at 6:30 to 7:30pm The Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America is offering *The Vikings*, a Great Courses DVD lecture series. This month's topics include "The Settlement of Iceland" and "Iceland--A Frontier Republic."

Explore the Bulgarian Riviera

Jan. 17, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Varna is called the most beautiful city of the Black Sea, with more than 100 of its historical buildings renovated.

Branch Library Happenings

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Jan. 21, Mon. at 1:30pm Participants will learn the basics of using a computer and how to navigate with the mouse.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Jan. 22, Tues. at 1:30pm Participants will learn how to find a myriad of information on the Internet.

Blood Pressure Screening

Jan. 24, Thurs. from 10am to Noon A health representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration needed.**

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh is a vivid portrait of an unforgettable woman whose gift for flowers helps her change the lives of others.

E-Book Open House

Jan. 29, Tues. at 2pm Julie Bradford, Assistant Head of the Audio Visual Department, will explain how resident patrons can checkout free e-books with their library card and demonstrate how to download an e-book from start to finish on a variety of electronic devices.

A Night at the Opera

Jan. 30, Wed. at 6:30pm Margaret Fournier of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg* by Richard Wagner.

Great Books Discussion

Jan. 31, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Illiad* by Homer, a selection from the third series of Great Books.

Dyer/Schererville322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film Series

Jan. 7, Mon. at 1pm *Mother of Mine* tackles the painful patch of history when during World War II more than 70,000 Finnish children were evacuated to neutral Sweden to avoid the conflict. Not rated by the MPAA; Adults only. In Finnish and Swedish with English subtitles. [cc] Registration is not required.

Stamp Class

Jan. 8, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick. Registration required.

Virtual Tourist

Jan. 17, Thurs. At 7pm Join us as we travel around the world on our monthly visit. Registration is not required.

Between the Lines

Jan. 23, Wed. at 7pm or Jan. 24, Thurs. at 10:15am Perry's IQ is only 76 and he has just won a \$12 million lottery. Can his good fortune withstand such a perilous world? Join us as we discuss the poignant and funny *Lottery* by Patricia Wood. **Registration is not required.**

St. John.....365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373
www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Sit & Stitch

Jan. 3 & 16, Thurs. at 6pm Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread. Join us for some conversation and fun.

Stamp Class

Jan. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of the materials provided. Payment is due at class.

English as a Second Language

Jan. 8 to March 14, Tues. & Thurs. from 6:30 to 8pm Come to the library to learn or improve your English speaking skills. Lessons are offered for various levels: from non-English speaking, to beginning, intermediate and advanced students. For further information call Rosella Garcia at 769-3541. Registration is not required.

Page Turners Book Club

Jan. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm Bring two or three of the favorite books you read during 2012. We'll talk about the books that made our hearts sing!

Family Story Time

Jan. 23, Wed. at 6:30pm Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.



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library card barcode and password and click on the fines and fees tab. The direct link to this page is <https://pac.lcpln.org/polaris/logon.aspx>. Payment can be made by Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. For your added security, the Library does not retain the credit card information of its users.

A new phone service called LibraryLine is now available. With this service, you can hear your library card account summary, hear a list of items checked out, renew items, hear a list of items on hold and their status, and hear a list of any items overdue. You can also get a list of library locations and hours. The number to this service is 219-756-9356. You will need your library card number and pin number ready when you call.

Now you may wonder what are some things to look forward to this year.

This year we will have a brand new library building located at the intersection of Colfax St. and 45th Ave. in Griffith. Our Central Library in Merrillville will also be finished with its major remodeling project this year. Keep an eye out for updates and invitations in our libraries to open house celebrations for both of these completions.

Enjoy the new year!

Jennifer Burnison, Marketing Manager

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1919 West 81st Avenue
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Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2013
two of our branches will be
changing their hours.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John, IN 46373

New Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary, IN 46406

New Hours:

Monday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

February

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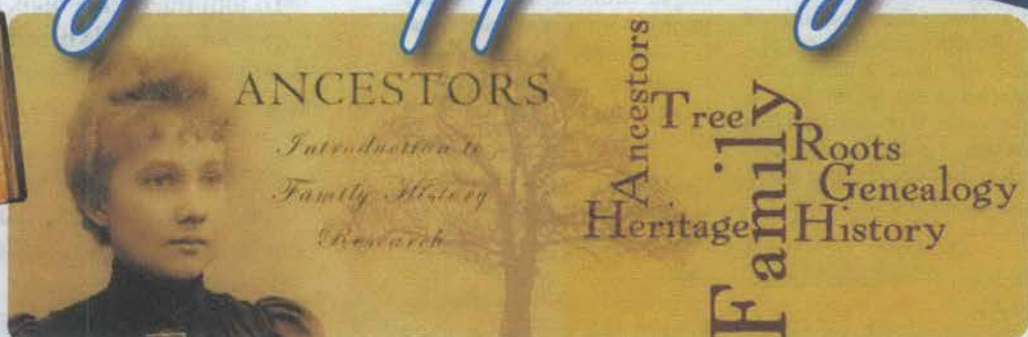


Ask a Librarian



Q: I'm looking for a job as a pastry chef. Do you have any resources which can help me locate a job like that?

A: Go to the library's homepage: www.lcpln.org, point to the "Research" option located in the blue bar at the top of the page, and click on "Magazines Newspapers and Databases." Scroll down to the "Business/Investments" section and click on "A to Z Databases." On that page you will see "Find a Job" in the center. Enter "pastry" in the keyword search, enter your zip code, and choose whether you want full or part time or just leave that option at "All." Click the search button and you will get job options involving working with pastries.



For the Love of Genealogy

One of my favorite quotes is from writer Linda Hogan, "Whichever road I follow...I am listening... suddenly all of my ancestors are behind me. Be still they say. Watch and Listen. You are the result of the love of thousands." It makes me think of my own ancestors - who they were, who they loved, and what they were like. What better way to "meet" them than through genealogy. Genealogy is a popular, satisfying, yet complex hobby, and often it's difficult to know where to start. There is a wealth of information and resources available at the library and online. Most genealogy courses, websites, and books recommend the importance of beginning and then keeping your genealogical research organized and documented. Here is an often cited best way to do this:

First, gather all the information you have. Look for photos, vital records, family bibles, newspaper clippings, obituaries and so on. Now organize it in a way that will make it easy for you to find what you need.

This next step might take a while, but it is really fun! Interview family members and find out everything they know about their older family members...names, dates of important events, when and where they immigrated, family stories, and so on. Write it down, and document the person you talked to and where they found the information - even if it's from their memory.

Download a family tree chart (sometimes called a pedigree chart). You can download charts for free - one good site is from PBS TV <http://www.byub.org/ancestors/charts>. A librarian can help you if you can't locate one. Computer genealogy programs are available as well. Starting with yourself, work back in time and fill in everything you know. Use this chart as you continue to find more pieces of your family history. Add everything to your chart and make note of where you found it.

Now it's time to focus on one name or family. Look at the information you have and make a list of what information you need to find. Look up census records to find where they lived and who was in the household. If the family is local, try to spend some time in the Indiana Room at the Central Branch or check to see what your local branches have to offer in the way of historical documents. Using the library catalog, you can keyword search for these items. Often you will find family names in city directories, city histories, obituary indexes and microfilm.

Using our website, you can select Research, and then Genealogy & Local History. This will aid you in finding historical societies; local and state information; vital records; other sites such as Ellis Island and Cyndi's List.

Select the Research tab once again. This time look for Newspapers, Magazines, and Databases. Here you will find a number of databases that will assist you in your research and in locating cen-

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STAFF RECOMMENDS



In The Castle of the Flynns:

Michael Raleigh X RALE

As I read this novel, I had to keep reminding myself that it is not a memoir about the author's life. Raleigh's presentation of a year in the life of Daniel Dorsey, orphaned at the age of seven, is so personal and poignant and true to its setting (a Chicago neighborhood in the 1950's) that it seems impossible that it isn't "true."

DB/Emerita

The Man Who Loved Books Too Much:

The True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession

Allison Hoover Bartlett 002.075 BART

A fascinating look into the mind of a literary criminal, showing the rationalization employed to excuse and explain his theft of millions of dollars of rare books.

MM/Ref

The Grimm Legacy:

Borrow the Magic If You Dare!

Polly Shulman Juvenile X SHUL

There is something strange going on at the New-York Circulating Material Repository when Elizabeth gets a job. The Repository is a library that lends out objects rather than books. You

can borrow Marie Antoinette's everyday wig or items from the Grimm Collection, such as seven league boots or Snow White's stepmother's sinister mirror that talks in riddles. Items have gone missing, especially items that have magic. A fun read!

LK/Hobart

Cruising Attitude:

Tales of Crashpads, Crew Drama, and Crazy Passengers at 35,000 Feet

Heather Poole 387.742092 POOL

Heather Poole has worked for a major U.S. carrier for more than fifteen years. She has been published in the Best Women's Travel Writing 2012, and her column, "Galley Gossip: Confessions from the Jumpseat with Heather Poole," can be found on AOL. From her book, *Cruising Attitude*, you can tell she loves her job as a flight attendant, but she doesn't love all her customers and tells you why! Amidst all the crazies, though, she did find her husband! A quick, cute read with some great flying tips...sit towards the front of the plane - the rear feels more turbulence.

DR/Library Skills Trainer

Central Library Happenings

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www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm Phone 769-3541

BOOKreMARKS Online

February 1 to 28, All Day

To join the online book discussion of *The End Of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>

Paper Crafts with Jane

Feb. 7, Thurs. at 1pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive.

Circle of Readers

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm Book discussion of *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns, a May-December love story and one of the best portraits of small-town Southern life. Registration is not required.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Feb. 22, Fri. from 10 -11:30a.m. Free informational and interactive session to understand the disease process of progressive dementia. Light lunch provided at 11:30a.m. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Feb. 22, Fri. from Noon -1:30p.m. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



For a Love of Books

Do you ever wonder what books are the best for your child? Do you wonder if you're reading the books your preschooler needs to hear? There are so many lists of "must read" books for children, where do you start? And what if your child doesn't like the "best books" that you see displayed?

If this sounds like you, don't worry! The answer is, you probably are doing what you need to if you're reading together.

One of the building blocks of getting ready to learn to read is Print Motivation, which is the Every Child Ready to Read description for enjoying books.

Which books will teach that love?

Any your child enjoys! It really is that simple.

Does your child love dinosaurs? Then choose books about dinosaurs. Does your child like to learn about "real" farm animals... then hit the nonfiction section! Fairies? Poems? Silly stories? Songs? We've got them all at the library and they're all good for your child!

Children who establish reading and books as fun activities are likely to find learning to read easier than children who don't. So whatever books you read together are helpful. And the other skills will come naturally. It works like this...

Talk about the books. Have your child retell the story. Talk about the colors and shapes in the illustrations. Show your child how to treat the books.

Encourage your child to draw their favorite thing about the book... or "write" part of the story. If there's a tune to the book, sing it together with all your might. (Remember, your child will treasure the time together and won't care whether you have a great singing voice!) If it's a book they love, it will often find its way into your child's play. And no, you don't have to do all that for every book!

Don't ever feel like you have to read a book just because someone has told you it's a good one! And if you start reading a book and your child doesn't enjoy it, don't feel like you have to finish it! Just enjoy the time you spend reading with your child.

What are some books that you enjoy reading with your child?

Branch Library Happenings

Griffith-Calumet Twp ...838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations

Feb. 5, Tues. at 1pm There is a \$5 fee that covers all materials; bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers

Feb. 5, Tues. at 5:30pm or Feb. 6, Wed. at 10:30am Read and discuss *Rules Of Civility*, a novel by Amor Towles set in glittering 1920s New York City.

Thursday Threaders

Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Bring and work on your own craft project while enjoying the company of others.

Family Scrabble Night

Feb. 7, Thurs. at 6 pm. All members of the family are invited to join the staff in a game of Scrabble.

Mystery Loves Company

Feb. 11, Mon. at 1pm Read and discuss *The Baker Street Letters* by Michael Robertson, a lighthearted novel with a solid story.

Book Buddies

Feb. 25, Mon. at 4pm Readers will discuss *The Killer Angels*, a novel about the four most bloody and courageous days of the Civil War, written by Michael Shaara.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 6:30pm Fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to see how this book discussion is run as we review *Astro City* by Kurt Busiek.

Cedar Lake374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan

Feb. 4, Mon. at 4pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids.

Carnivale Crafting Fun!

Feb. 9, Sat. at 10am Join us for crafts and a treat inspired by Mardi Gras! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

History on Film:

Feb. 12, Tues. at 2pm The tale of *Hatfields & McCoys: An American Feud* is a staple of American folklore.

Unvalentine's Day Celebration

Feb. 13 & 14, Wed. & Thurs. at 4pm Teens can celebrate romance—or not—with crafts and make-your-own snacks, graffiti cards, and more.

Books and Chat

Feb. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Eric Larson, a remarkable true story set during Hitler's rise to power.

Who's Sorry Now?

Board Game Tournament

Feb. 21, Thurs. at 3pm Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader? Teens will play that game and others for fun.

Travel the World without Leaving Home

Feb. 26, Tues. at 2pm Explore various sights in Alabama via armchair travel on the library's big screen.

Teen Gamefest

Feb. 27, Wed. at 3pm Teens will play a variety of PlayStation and Wii games.

Highland838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322
www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

History Film

Feb. 4, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm This film documents the building of the Golden Gate Bridge, a suspension bridge which many said could never be built. **Registration not required.**

Teen Book Discussion

Feb. 6, Wed. at 3:45pm Join us as we talk about the book, *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. **Registration not required.**

Fiction Book Discussion

Feb. 12, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *The Commoner*, the story of a commoner who marries the Crown Prince of Japan. **Registration not required.**

Great Decisions

Feb. 12 & 26, Tues. at 6:30pm Please join us as we discuss the Future of the Euro and the connection between the 2008 global recession and the euro crisis. How can EU leaders prevent the collapse of this common currency.

Travel Film

Feb. 18, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia is one of Europe's coziest and livable cities. **Registration not required.**

Teen Advisory Board

Feb. 20, Wed. at 3:45pm Join us for snacks, planning for future teen events, and fun! **Registration not required.**

Stamp Camp

Feb. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of the projects.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Feb. 21, Thurs. At 2pm Join us as we discuss *Submerged* by Dani Pettrey, a debut novel that captures romance and suspense in an intricately plotted mystery. **Registration not required.**

Gardening Program:

Native Trees and Shrubs

Feb. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener, William Tobin will present a program on the use of native trees and shrubs in landscaping.

Classic Film

Feb. 25, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Shall We Dance* stars Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon and Jennifer Lopez. **Registration not required.**

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Feb. 26, Tues. at 2pm Learn the basics of how to move and "click" the mouse effectively. Class size is limited.

Computer Class: Basic Computers

Feb. 27, Wed. at 2pm Beginners will learn the keyboard, desktop, and simple word processing skills. Class size is limited.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 2pm Learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo. Class size is limited.

Branch Library Happenings

Mystery Book Discussion

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss *The Fifth Witness* by Michael Connelly, an engaging courtroom thriller. Registration not required

Hobart942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342
www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

Feb. 1 to 28 To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk.

Afternoon Adult Learning Classes

Feb. 4 to 28, Mon. to Thurs. from Noon to 4pm Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration required by calling Lynn Pergher at 942-2243, ext. 317.

Evening Adult Learning Classes

Feb. 4 to 28, Mon. & Wed. from 4 to 8pm Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration required by calling Lynn Pergher at 942-2243, ext. 317.

Coffee Break Tuesday's

Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 Every Tuesday between 10am-Noon and 4pm-6pm relax with a cup of java and a good book. Registration not required.

History Movie

Feb. 5, Tues. at 2pm Take a behind the scenes tour of *Walt Disney World* and see what it took to build the 27,000 acre complex. Registration not required.

Teen Movie Saturday

Feb. 9, Sat. at Noon Teens can join us as we show *Snow White and the Huntsman*, rated PG-13. Snacks served.

Tuesdays with Movies

Feb. 12, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we show the 1954 movie *Sabrina* starring Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. Refreshments served.

Crafter's Corner

Feb. 13, Wed. at 6pm Learn how to make

fabric YoYo necklaces. Please bring fabric scraps or small quilting squares. All other supplies will be provided.

Love Stinks!

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 6pm Teens will have fun at the Anti-Valentine's party making conversation hearts and cards, and black duct tape roses.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class-Cupcakes

Feb. 18, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm We will be making lasagna cupcakes, strawberries and cream cupcakes, and Boston cream pie cupcakes. Recipes will be provided.

Who Picked this Book?

Feb. 19, Tues. at 10:30am & Feb. 20, Wed. at 6pm *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adrianna Trigani, a riveting, historical epic of love, family, war, loss, risk and destiny. Registration not required.

Stamp Camp

Feb. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Teen Gaming

Feb. 26, Tues. at 4pm Teens and 'tweens are invited to play video games on the Wii, PlayStation and board games.

Lake Station962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpln.org/branches/snc.htm

Book Chat

Feb. 7, Thurs. at 10:30am *365 Thank Yous* by John Kralik will be discussed, a personal and honest dialog of what led the author to begin acts of daily gratitude.

Family Nutrition Program

Feb. 8, Fri. from 11am to 1pm A Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Family Nutrition Adviser will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics, showing participants how to prepare quick, tasty and healthy low-cost foods.

One on One Computer Classes

Feb. 12 & 26, Tues. at 10:30am or 11:30am Adults can sign up for a 1 hour session on

how to use the internet, set-up email accounts, or write a resume. Patrons must have a valid library card in good standing.

Munster836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Feb. 4, Mon. at 10:30am Participants will learn the basics of using a computer, particularly how to navigate with the mouse.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Feb. 5, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will learn how to find a myriad of information on the Internet.

The Vikings

Feb. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm The Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America offers *The Vikings*, a Great Courses DVD lecture series. This month's topics include "Skaldic Poetry and Sagas" and "Western Voyages to Greenland and Vinland."

Life Coaching Studio

Feb. 6, Wed. at 1pm A retired psychologist will explain exactly what life coaching is and how it differs from therapy. A 12 minute laser coaching session will demonstrate how a person can move forward in life.

Classic Hollywood Movie

Feb. 11, Mon. at 2pm Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains, Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, and Paul Henreid, star in *Casablanca*, a sophisticated and intriguing love triangle set in Africa during the early days of World War II.

Independent Film

Feb. 12, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm In Paris during World War II, an Algerian immigrant is inspired to join the resistance by his unexpected friendship with a Jewish man. *Free Men* is in French with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only. Running time 99 min. [cc]

A Night at the Opera

Feb. 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Charlie DeV of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Rigoletto* by Giuseppe Verdi.

Branch Library Happenings

Explore Malta

Feb. 21, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Malta, an island in the Mediterranean Sea between Sicily and Africa, offers lots of natural beauty and historical monuments.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease

Feb. 26, Tues. at 6pm

A representative from the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana will present a program designed to educate attendees about the difference between normal memory loss and Alzheimer's disease.

Blood Pressure Screening

Feb. 28, Thurs. from 10am to Noon A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screening.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman, set in Rome, is focused on the personal lives of various news reporters, executives, copy editors, and a reader. **Registration not required.**

Great Books Discussion

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *Principles of Government* by Charles de Secondat Montesquieu, a selection from the third series- volume 1 of Great Books.

Dyer/Schererville322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film Series

Feb. 4, Mon. at 1pm *Gigante* is not rated by the MPAA; adults only, in Spanish with English subtitles. [cc]
Registration not required.

Stamp Class

Feb. 12, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. This is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourist

Feb. 20, Wed. at 7pm Vietnam is a colorful land that still contains ancient tribes and exotic landscapes on the edge of South East Asia. **Registration not required.**

Between the Lines

Feb. 27, Wed. at 7pm or Feb. 28, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us as we discuss Beryl Markham's biography, *West with the Night*, an adventurous detail of the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic from east to west. **Registration not required.**

St. John365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/sj.htm

Stitch in Public Day

Feb. 2, Sat. from 10am to 4pm Bring your own project or let the Needle Artisans of NW Indiana show you something new. Stay an hour or stay all day.

Stamp Class

Feb. 4, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided to create customized greeting cards.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Feb. 4, 6:30pm *You Slay Me* by Katie MacAlister is the paranormal tale of Aisling Grey who gets mixed up in murder and magic.

English as a Second Language

Feb. 5 to Mar. 14, Tues. & Thurs., 6:30pm Learn or improve your English speaking skills in these free language lessons offered

for various levels: from non-English speaking, to beginning, intermediate and advanced students. **Registration not required.**

Sit & Stitch

Feb. 6 & 20, Wed. at 6pm Bring your crocheting, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others for conversation and fun.

Gardening Made Easy: Work Smarter not Harder

Feb. 11, Mon. at 6pm Master Gardener Victoria Jostes will talk about gardening the easy way. **Registration not required.**

Page Turners Book Club

Feb. 13, Wed. at 6:30pm Join us for conversation and fun as we discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

Big Screen Musical

Feb. 19, Tues. at 1:30pm *Kiss Me Kate*, a musical version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, features lavish dance numbers and Cole Porter tunes. Running time is 110 minutes.



WiFi available

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sus records. For use in the library only, we have Ancestry Library Edition and Access Newspaper ARCHIVE (this holds newspapers from 1605 to the present). The library subscribes to other genealogical databases and if you are a resident card-holder, you may access these databases from home - HeritageQuest Online; ProQuest African American Heritage; and ProQuest Obituaries.

Having never met my mother-in-law as she passed away before I met my husband, imagine how excited I was to find a picture of her through Access Newspaper ARCHIVE! She was a president for a charitable organization in Chicago - I never knew she was involved in charity work. In another area, I had been trying to find where my children's great-grandfather was born. On Ancestry Library Edition,

I found that he was from Russia, when he came to the United States and on what ship. I found his address in Chicago, found his obituary and I learned his trade was in chickens....makes me wonder if this is why my husband never enjoyed chicken! Begin your search today and you'll be surprised at what you can find.

I leave you with three important reminders. 1) As you go through this process, document every piece of information you find; 2) stay organized as this will let you get the most out of your research, and 3) librarians are available to offer you guidance on your journey to finding at least a few of those thousands of loves!

Submitted by: Susan Gempka
Assistant Branch Manager Highland

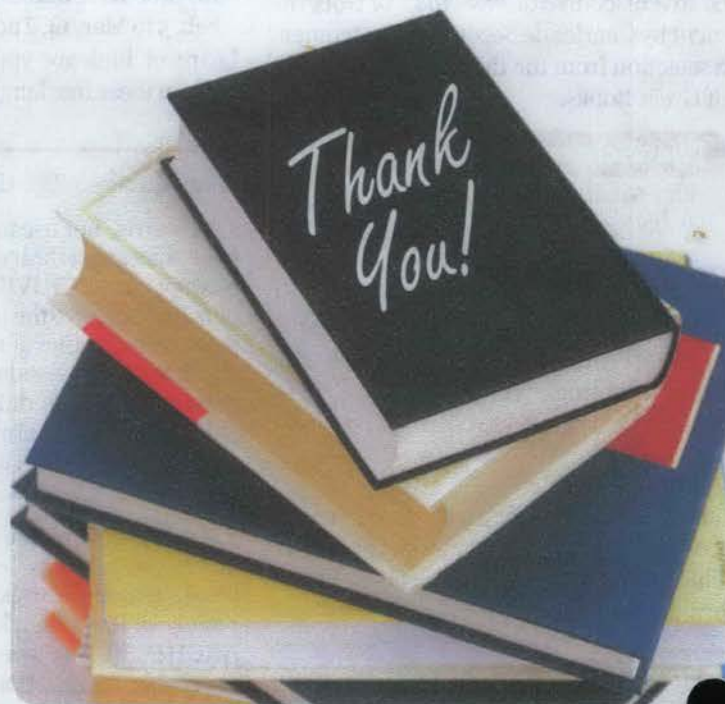
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February

Children's Programs

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Happy Valentine's Day



Birth-23 months

and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.
or 11:30 a.m.

Central Library:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith Branch

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Storytimes

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Central Library:

1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., or 1:30 p.m.

Griffith Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland

2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 3rd Mon. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Central Library:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 1 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tues. for ages 3 to 7 & family 6:30 p.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Tues. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Button Nose Valentine

Wednesday, February 13

4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten and up will make a wearable Valentine decoration in this program.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan

Monday, February 4

4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

Lego Mania

Thursday, February 7

4:30 p.m.

Make and display your own Lego creations made with library Lego bricks! All supplies and snacks will be provided.



Carnivale Crafting Fun!

Saturday, February 9

10 a.m.

All members of the family are invited to join us for crafts and a treat inspired by Mardi Gras! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Unvalentine's Day Celebration

Wed. or Thurs., February 13 or 14

4 p.m.

Teens, 12 to 17 years of age, will celebrate romance or not with crafts and make-your-own snacks, including chocolate plastic (you can eat!), brokenhearted cookies, graffiti cards, and more.

Reader Leader

with Bailey & Piper the Therapy Dogs

Tuesday, February 19

4:30 p.m.

Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities, games, and crafts. Children will also have an opportunity to read with Bailey or Piper, who are licensed therapy dogs.

Who's Sorry Now? Board Game Tournament

Thursday, February 21

3 p.m.

Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Play that game and others for fun. If you want, compete in tournaments for prizes in Sorry, Scrabble, and more. Snacks, hot chocolate, and other goodies will be provided!

Super Scrabble Saturday!

Saturday, February 23

10 a.m.

Children and families are invited to play Scrabble at the library! All supplies and snacks will be provided.



Playdough Pizazz Family Fun!

Monday, February 25

6:30 p.m.

All ages will make and sculpt a variety of playdough, including some delicious ones to eat!

Teen GameFest

Wednesday, February 27

3 p.m.

Play a variety of PlayStation and Wii games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and drinks will be provided.

Fancy Nancy Party!

Thursday, February 28

4:30 p.m.

Children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy games, stories, fanciful treats, and more in this splendid program! Children can dress up in glamorous outfits as well!

Central Library

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Monthly Craft Table

February 1 to 28

All Day

Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table. Registration not required.



Celebrating African American History

Wednesday, February 6

4 p.m.

Children, kindergarten to grade 6, and their families are invited to watch the animated movie *Duke Ellington*...and more stories about African American History. Approximately 70 minutes.

Valentine Party

Thursday, February 7

4 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will enjoy hearing Valentine stories, playing games, and making a craft.

Scrabble

Wednesday, February 13

6:30 p.m.

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play a fun game of Scrabble. Family members are welcome to join in.



Lego Club

Monday, February 11

4 p.m.

Children in second through sixth grade will have fun making their own unique Lego creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Teen Gaming Night

Wednesday, February 20

6 p.m.

Teens, 12-17 years of age, are invited to get together to play Wii, PlayStation 2, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Lego Club

Wednesday, February 6

6:30 p.m.

Bring your creativity as Lego structures are built.



Dynamite Duplo

Thursday, February 7

10:30 a.m.

This 30 minute program allows children (accompanied by a caregiver) to use their imagination creating with simple building and patterning.

Power Paws for Kids

Saturday, February 9

10 a.m.

Children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of our registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their owners). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. All ages welcome.

Family Valentine Story Hour

Thursday, February 14

6:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-7 years may celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with stories, songs, activities, a short film, and a craft.

Family Scrabble Saturday

Saturday, February 16

10:30 a.m.

Families with children in grades 3 and over, may enjoy a game of Scrabble at the library! Game boards and pieces will be provided.

Registration is not required.

Lego Club

Monday, February 18

6:30 p.m.

Lego Club encourages creativity as unique building projects are made with the library's Lego bricks.

Family Splish Splash Story Hour

Tuesday, February 19

6:30 p.m.

This one-hour program will include stories, songs, activities, a film, and a craft.

Griffith Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

88-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Drop in Story-Craft Time

Tuesday, February 5

1 p.m.

All are welcome to enjoy a story or two and make a related paper craft, no preregistration is necessary. Mom's can take this time to join the adult Paper Creations group (\$5 fee for materials provided to create customized greeting cards) in the adult meeting room.

Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, February 7

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing scrabble-you are sure to increase your vocabulary!

Pancake Day

Tuesday, February 12

3:30 p.m.

Children will make a roll away pancake with props after hearing the story, participate in a pancake race and eat silver dollar pancakes.

Lego Mania

Monday, February 18

1 p.m.

Children can build with the library's blocks and help us fill our new display case.

Family Craft Night

Wednesday, February 26

6 p.m.

If you missed our after school program and the story hours, join us for the craft segment of those programs. Families can make a roll away pancake, a Mardi Gras mask, or complete the preschool crafts.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, February 28

6:30 p.m.

Fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run and then join us next month. The book for this month is Kurt Busiek's *Astro City* where super-heroes patrol the skies and robots do all the dirty work.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 6

3:45 p.m.

Join us as we talk about the book, *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. When Marty finds a lost beagle in the woods near his house, he tries to hide the dog from his family and the real owner - a mean-spirited man! Refreshments provided.

Registration is not required.

Family Craft Night

Thursday, February 7

6:30 p.m.

Families with school age children will listen to a story then make a related craft to take home. Parents must accompany children to this program.

Lego Club

Wednesday, February

3:30 p.m.

School age children are invited to build with the library's Lego bricks. Parents of children in kindergarten through 2nd grade should plan to stay in the room with their child. Each month we have a 'challenge' building theme. At every meeting children may bring a construction from home to talk about during the 'show and tell' part of the program. At the end of the program, current constructions are displayed in the library until the next meeting. We happily accept donations of Lego bricks to add to our collection.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 20

3:45 p.m.

Join us for snacks, planning for future teen events, and fun!

Registration is not required.

American Sign Language Story Time

Saturday, February 23

2 p.m.

American Sign Language story time is offered for hearing impaired children and their families.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

February 1 to 28

All Day

Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Lego Night

Tuesday, February 5

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 5) are invited to join us in creating some neat Lego designs!

Hobart Branch Continued on Pg. 4

A School Age Chinese New Year's Program
Thursday, February 7 6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will hear a Chinese New Year's story, learn about the "Year of the Snake" and make a Chinese New Year craft. In celebration of the "Year of the Snake," children are invited to wear the color red. They are also welcome to bring a poem to put on red paper (another tradition in the "Year of the Snake"). We will have snacks including Chinese Fortune Cookies!

Teen Movie Saturday
Saturday, February 9 Noon



Join us as we show *Snow White and the Huntsman*. In this twist on the fairy tale, the huntsman becomes Snow White's protector from the Evil Queen. The movie is rated PG-13. Snacks will be provided.

Love Stinks!

Thursday, February 14 6 p.m.

Hate all the lovey dovey stuff that comes with Valentine's Day? Come have fun at the Anti-Valentine's party. Teens will make conversation hearts and cards, black duct tape roses, and enjoy some games and food.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class-Cupcakes
Monday, February 18 6 p.m.

In this simple, easy cooking class we will be making lasagna cupcakes, strawberries and cream cupcakes, and Boston cream pie cupcakes. We will be taste testing the end product and recipes will be given out. Registration required (4th grade and up).

Evening Movie
Tuesday, February 19 6 p.m.



Families are invited to see the 2011, PG rated movie, *Happy Feet Two*. It is 100 minutes long. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring their stuffed animals and sleeping bags.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, February 26 4 p.m.

Teens and 'twens grade 4 and up are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation* and board games. Snacks will be provided.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405
962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

'Tween Time
Wednesday, February 26 6 p.m.

Children, 10 to 12 years of age, will make a monster hat. Please bring a knit cold weather hat to transform.

Family Nutrition Program
Friday, February 8 11 a.m.

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Advisor from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics for adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty and healthy low-cost foods.

Snowman Craft
Wednesday, February 13 6 p.m.

Children grades kindergarten and up will make a snowman craft and hear a story.

Family Story Time
Wednesday, February 20 6 p.m.

Families can enjoy a story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321
836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, February 7 6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

Lego Building
Thursday, February 14 3 to 7 p.m.



Young Lego enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Participants will construct with Lego bricks, then share their creations with the group. We happily accept donations of Lego bricks to add to our collection!

Family Craft Hour
Thursday, February 28 6:30 p.m.



This month we're making 'warm fuzzys' for the birds. Attendees of all ages are welcome, but children under 6 may need parental assistance.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373
365-5379 www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

It's Mardi Gras!
Thursday, February 7 4:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will enjoy a Mardi Gras celebration featuring stories, games, music, a craft, and a sweet Mardi Gras treat.

Crafty Kids Club
Tuesday, February 12 4:30 p.m.

Every month, young artists will explore different ways to create art. All materials are provided.

Amazing Lego
Tuesday, February 19 4:30 p.m.

Young Lego enthusiasts are encouraged to use their imagination as they make Lego creations with the library's Lego bricks! All supplies will be provided.

Family Story Time
Wednesday, February 27 6:30 p.m.

Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

March

Library Happenings

Ask a Librarian



Q: Are there any book clubs I could join in the area?

A: Yes. Book discussion groups for each of our branches are listed here in Happenings. You can also find that information through our website (www.lcplin.org). Point to the "Books" link you'll find in the dark blue bar at the top of the page. Click on "Book Discussions" in the drop-down menu that appears. On the calendar that pops up, you will find information about book discussions taking place at all of our branches. On the first day of each month, you will also see a link to "BOOKreMARKS," our online book discussion group for those who prefer to share their reading experiences via email.

Getting to Know the Hobart Branch

Set on Lake George the Hobart Branch Library has wonderful views for patrons to sit back and read a book or magazine. We also offer a variety of programs for adults, teens and children every month.

Our *Crafter's Corner* gives participants a chance to create a different craft every month. Previous crafts included an exploding picture box, a fabric wreath and fabric yo yo necklaces. Anyone who comes will also enjoy some baked treats while they craft. Crafters will make a St. Patrick's Day wreath during our March program. Participants will need to bring a Styrofoam wreath.

Looking for new recipes to try? Come to our *Simple, Easy, Cooking Class*. In the program, recipes will be made and sampled. Copies of the recipe are also available to take home and try. March will be all about birthday treats.

Every Tuesday from 10-12 and 4-6 patrons can enjoy a hot cup of coffee while they browse our collection. Tuesdays are also movie days at the library. The first Tuesday of the month will feature a history movie. The second Tuesday of the month is *Tuesday with Movies* where a popular feature film will be shown. Popcorn and coffee will be served at the movies.

Book lovers are invited to the *Who Picked This Book* club which is held on the third Tuesday at 10:30 am or third Wednesday at 6 pm. Lists of the year's book and copies of the monthly discussion book will be available at the circulation desk. Baked goods will be provided for attendees.

Teens can come on the second Saturdays of the month at noon for *Teen Movie Saturday*. On March 9, we will be showing *The Amazing Spider-Man*. On March 14 at 6, the Hobart Library will be celebrating *Teen Tech Week*. Teens will be making memes and making crafts from an old computer. Teen gaming is every fourth Tuesday at 4 pm. Teens will play games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*. Snacks will be provided at all events.

Children can come to our *Mother Goose on the Loose*, *Toddler Time* or *Pre-School Story* hours held at various time throughout the month. The first Tuesday of the month children can come build creations at our *Lego Night*. Every month we hold a family movie for all ages. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Check every month for special programs for children. On March 4 at 6 pm everyone will find out why dragons love tacos. Tacos will be provided (dragons are questionable for attendance).

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STAFF RECOMMENDS

Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Whether you need information to support your term paper thesis or just some dazzling facts to bring up in your next argument with your brother-in-law, try this amazing online resource. You will find articles, statistics, videos, interactive maps, and more on both sides of hundreds of issues such as gun control, global warming, medical marijuana, and illegal immigration.

ProQuest Historical Chicago Tribune 1849-1989

You can read more than 8,000 Dick Tracy cartoons from 1923-1989 exactly as they originally appeared in the Chicago Tribune! Okay, maybe you are not a Dick Tracy fan, but those cartoons are among thousands of fascinating pieces of history, from trivia to the not-so-trivial, in this wonderful resource. You can read about the Civil War, the sinking of the Titanic, Al Capone, the Stock Market Crash of 1929, Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations, and the Chicago Bears' Super Bowl Championship. You will also find more cartoons, obituaries, advice columns, and even advertisements—all in their original form.

NovelList You've read everything your favorite author has ever written—now what? Try "Author Read-Alikes" in NovelList. Another of our online resources, NovelList offers read-alike suggestions for more than 200 popular authors. NovelList also suggests read-alikes for currently popular titles. Do you need to know what title comes next in a mystery series you are enjoying? NovelList will tell you that too. You will also find suggestions for books in dozens of fiction categories, lists of award winners, and book discussion guides.

To find these and dozens more online resources, point to "Research" in the blue bar on the LCPL home page (www.lcpl.org) and click on "Magazines, Newspapers & Databases." Then select the name of the database from the drop-down menu at the top of the page or from the category lists below. These resources are available to everyone who visits any LCPL location. They are also available to resident cardholders from any computer anywhere when you enter your library card number and PIN.

Mary Grogan
Head of Reference Services

Merrillville Branch Happenings

1919 W. 81st Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.lcpl.org/branches/cnl.htm Phone 769-3541

BOOKreMARKS Online

March 1 to 31, All Day To join the monthlong online book discussion of *Dandelion Summer* by Lisa Wingate, send an email to remarks@lcpl.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpl.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

Paper Crafts with Jane

Mar. 14, Thurs. at 1:30 pm Learn to make decorative cards. There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Circle of Readers

Mar. 14, Thurs. at 6:15 pm Join the book discussion of *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok, an excellent immigrant story with an interesting emphasis on family relationships. Ext. 374

Digital Open House

Mar. 20, Wed. from 6 to 8pm Stop by for dessert and see what materials the library offers. Bring your laptop, eReader or other Wi-Fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more! Ext. 340

Laugh for the Health of it!

Mar. 20, Wed. at 7 pm A unique exercise routine that can oxygenate your body, reduce stress & change your mood. No mats needed. Ext. 317

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Mar. 22, Fri. from 10 to 11:30 am Free informational and interactive session regarding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to Noon. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

Mar. 22, Fri. at Noon The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Using Science to Help Your Child Get Ready to Learn to Read

EVERY
CHILD
READY
TO READ
@ your library!

March is the perfect time to think about the weather and ask questions—and that's science. Sometimes it's cold, sometimes hot, sometimes raining, windy, snowing. Why?

You and your child may have many questions about the weather, and the library is a perfect place to find answers—and maybe more questions! Check out some nonfiction books about weather. These are informational and most don't tell a story, but many are fun to share, even with very young children. You don't need to read through the whole book word for word—and be sure to talk about the pictures! Research



shows that parents talk twice as much around factual books as storybooks. They allow their children to speak twice as much, and they use a higher level of vocabulary. Many books even offer simple experiments so your child can pose a question and guess an answer, follow steps in the experiment to find the answer, observe what happens, and draw conclusions. That's the scientific method! Engaging your child in scientific concepts helps

teach your child background knowledge. It helps your child get ready to learn to read—and to learn scientific principles—from an early age. Early literacy skills and science concepts work hand in hand to help your child succeed in school.

Ask your librarian for suggestions. Go to the library catalog at www.lcpl.org and enter a keyword search of 'weather juvenile literature'. Or enter the keyword 'weather' and then click on 'Set Search Options' to search only for juvenile materials. You can also enter 'weather experiments' to find books with simple experiments you and your child can try. Have fun! You are teaching important early learning skills!

Branch Library Happenings

Griffith-Calumet Twp. 838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations

Mar. 5, Tues. at 1 pm & Mar. 19, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials for personalized greeting cards. Please bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group—Moved to April

Apr. 2, Tues. at 5:30 pm or Apr. 3, Wed. at 10:30 am Read and discuss *Columbine*, Dave Cullen's highly acclaimed account of the 1999 school shooting that shocked the country.

Thursday Threaders

Mar. 7, 14, 21 & 28, Thurs. from 10:30 am-Noon Bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Mystery Loves Company Discussion

Mar. 11, Mon. at 6pm Read Diane Setterfield's atmospheric Gothic suspense novel, *The Thirteenth Tale*, and discuss the book with other readers.

Book Buddies

Mar. 25, Mon. at 4pm Read and discuss *We Need to Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Mar. 28, Thurs. 6:30pm If you are a teen that enjoys graphic novels come and join us as we discuss *Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood* by Tony Lee.

Cedar Lake 374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan

Mar. 4, Mon. at 4pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older) will eat, play games, and plan programs, and participate with other volunteer activities.

Managing Medicare

Mar. 6, Wed. at 1pm This presentation on the basics of Medicare will help you understand the difference between the types of Medicare coverage.

Knitting Class

Mar. 11 & 18, Mon. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instructions. Bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

History on Film

Mar. 12, Tues at 2 pm *The Exodus Revealed: Search for the Red Sea Crossing*, presents physical evidence that corroborates the Exodus, the exact route used by Moses and the location of Mt. Sinai.

Duct Tape Mania

Mar. 12 & 13, Tues. & Wed. at 4 pm Teens (11 and older) will make a game, wallet, purse, even a belt or tie—or a cup.

Books & Chat

Mar. 20, Wed. at 6:30 pm Readers will discuss *The Last Policeman* by Ben Winters, a fascinating portrait of pre-apocalyptic America as a detective continues a murder investigation while an asteroid hurtles toward the earth.

Teen GameFest

Mar. 22, Fri. & Mar. 27, Wed. from 3 to 5 pm Teens are invited to lay Wii, PlayStation or board games.

Travel the World without Leaving Home

Mar. 26, Tues. at 2pm Enjoy a trip to see Egypt's Giza pyramid, a boat trip on the Red Sea, safari the Sinai Peninsula, and more.

Highland 838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322
www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Heartland Blood Center Drive

Mar. 2, Sat. from 10am to 1:30 pm Share your good health through blood donation; must 17 years of age and older, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good health. Call the library to schedule your appointment.

History on Film

Mar. 4, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30 pm View the biographical story of Roy Rogers, the famous 'King of the Cowboys.'

Computer Class- Meet the Mouse

Mar. 5, Tues. & Mar. 18, Mon., from 2-3:30 pm Learn the basics of how to 'click' and move the mouse effectively.

Teen Book Discussion

Mar. 6, Wed. at 3:45pm Teens are invited to join us as we discuss *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Refreshments included. Registration not necessary.

Fiction Book Discussion

Mar. 12, Tues. at 2pm When his uncle's widow arrives at his estate, Philip Ashley begins to suspect that she may have played a role in his demise. Could he be next? Join us as we discuss, *My Cousin Rachel* by Daphne DuMaurier.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Mar. 12 & 26, Tues. at 6:30 pm Join us as we discuss Egypt. What is the state of Egyptian democracy? How will the military and the civilian government balance power?

Computer Class - Basic Computers

Mar. 13, Wed. & Mar. 21, Thurs., from 2-3:30 pm Beginners will learn the keyboard, desktop, and simple word processing skills.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

Mar. 13, Wed. at 6:30 pm The Highland Community Crime Watch meeting is presented by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov).

Computer Class - Navigating the Net

Mar. 14, Thurs. & Mar. 27, Wed., from 2-3:30 pm Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Travel Film- Canary Islands

Mar. 18, Mon. at 2 pm & 6:30pm The islands of eternal spring are made up of various landscapes. Join us as we travel to the Canary Islands. Refreshments served.

Beginning Genealogy

Mar. 19, Tues. from 2-4 pm Learn how to start your genealogy search using library databases, books, websites, and search tips. Attendees should be comfortable using a computer.

Teen Advisory Board

Mar. 20, Wed. at 3:45 pm Teens are asked to bring ideas for upcoming projects. Snacks served. Registration not required.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Mar. 21, Thurs. at 2 pm *When Sparrows Fall* by Meg Moseley is the story of a widowed mother of six, who receives help from her brother-in-law after she falls.

Gardening Program

Mar. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener, Linda Knol will present a program on creating a beautiful garden through do-it-yourself ideas for landscape design.

Classic Film

Mar. 25, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Peter Parker grapples with both high school and super human crises as his alter ego Spider Man. *The Amazing Spider Man* stars Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Dennis Leary.

Mystery Book Discussion

Mar. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Traumatized as a child and pushed into a life of crime by reason of his unforgivable talent, Michael sees

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Branch Library Happenings

his chance to escape. Join us as we discuss *The Lock Artist* by Steve Hamilton.

Hobart 942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342
www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

March 1 to 31, All Day To receive a free book, submit a book review for our 'Book Nook' blog. To participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Library Lover of the Month

March 1 to 31, All Day To enter in our Library Lover of the Month contest email Lacey (lklemm@lcpln.org), expressing why you love the library. Winners will be photographed to be published on our Facebook page with their winning entry and will receive a free book from our book sale room.

Afternoon Adult Learning Classes

Mar. 4 to 28, Mon. to Thurs. from Noon to 4pm Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 317.

Evening Adult Learning Classes

Mar. 4 to 27, Mon. & Wed. from 4 to 8pm Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 317.

Coffee Break Tuesdays

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 Adults and teens are invited to the library any Tuesday between 10am-Noon and/or 4pm-6pm for coffee on us. Sit back and relax at your library with a cup of java and a good book.

Computer Class-Meet the Mouse

Mar. 5, Tues. at 11 am Learn the basics of how to 'click' and move the mouse effectively.

History Movie

Mar. 5, Tues. at 2 pm Join us as we explore little known history of some of Chicago's hidden treasures. Coffee and popcorn will be provided.

Teen Movie Saturday

Mar. 9, Sat. from Noon-2:30 pm Teens are invited to watch *The Amazing Spider-Man*

starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. The movie is rated PG-13

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class

Mar. 11, Mon. from 2-4 pm or 6-8pm In this simple, easy, cooking class for adults and youngsters (grade 4 and older) we will be making three simple birthday treats. There will be taste testing of the end product and recipes will be given out. Please be sure to register.

Computer Class-Navigating the Net

Mar. 12, Tues. at 11am Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Tuesdays with Movies

Mar. 12, Tues. from 2-4 pm Featuring music from Abba, *Mamma Mia* stars Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan and Amanda Seyfried. Refreshments served.

Crafter's Corner

Mar. 13, Wed. from 6-8 pm We will be making a St. Patrick's day wreath. Please bring a Styrofoam wreath form; remaining supplies will be provided. Refreshments served.

Teen Tech Week

Mar. 14, Thurs. from 6-8 pm Celebrate Teen Tech Week making memes and crafts out of old computer parts. Refreshments served.

Who Picked this Book?

Mar. 19, Tues. at 10:30 am or Mar. 20, Wed. at 6pm This month's pick, *Home Front* by Kristin Hannah, explores the intimate landscape of a troubled marriage, with this provocative and timely portrait of a husband and wife.

Computer Class-The Basics

Mar. 23, Sat. at 2 pm Beginners learn the keyboard, desktop, and simple word processing skills. Class size is limited. Registration required.

Stamp Camp

Mar. 21, Thurs. from 6:30-8 pm There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Teen Gaming

Mar. 26, Tues. at 4 pm Teens and 'twens (grade 4 and up) will play video games on the Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games. Snacks provided.

Lake Station 962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpln.org/branches/snc.htm

Learn From a Master...Gardner

Mar. 6, Wed. from 6-8 pm This four-week gardening series begins with Master Gardner Dolly Foster's riveting presentation on *Butterfly Gardens*. Refreshments served.

Book Chat

Mar. 7, Thurs. at 10:15 am An amnesia-focused psychological thriller populated with believable characters, *Before I Go To Sleep* by Steven J. Watson will be discussed.

Family Nutrition Program

Mar. 8, Fri. at 11 am A Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service demonstrates how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

One-on-One Computer Class

March 12 & 26, Tues. at 10:30 am or 11:30am Adults can sign up for a 1 hour session on how to use the internet, set email accounts, or write a resume.

Learn From a Master...Gardner

Mar. 13, Wed. from 6-8 pm Master Gardner Nikky Witkowski will be doing a presentation on *Proper Lawn Irrigation*. Refreshments served.

'So You Want to Be a Writer'

Mar. 18, Mon. at 6:30 pm Griffith resident author Meggie Tolkland will present 'So You Want To Be A Writer.'

Learn From a Master...Gardner

Mar. 20, Wed. from 6-8 pm Master Gardner Linda Knol will be doing a presentation on *Landscaping*. Refreshments served.

Learn From a Master...Gardner

Mar. 27, Wed. from 6-8 pm Master Gardner Victoria Jostes will be doing a presentation on *Gardening Made Easy*. Work Smarter, Not Harder. Refreshments served.

Munster 836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings

Mar. 5, Tues. at 6:30 pm The Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America offers *The Vikings*, a

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Lake County Public Library
1919 West 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

*It is with sincere appreciation that we announce that a donation of \$100,000 was given to the Lake County Public Library Foundation in memory of **Nancy, Mary and Nicholas Yakovatz** on January 9, 2013.*

The Lake County Public Library Foundation, an independent, non-profit organization, was established in 1984 to administer funds received and provide a continuing source of income for the library. Since funds are invested, only the annual interest is awarded for library materials; therefore, memorial contributions benefit the library's future indefinitely. It is with generous foresight that this family has chosen the library's Foundation for a memorial donation. The library resources acquired with the memorial gift endorses the mission of Lake County Public Library and validates that our services are truly appreciated.



The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

Branch Library Happenings

Great Courses DVD lecture series. This month's topics include: 'Swedes in the Baltic Sea and Russia' and 'The Road to Byzantium.'

Classic Hollywood Movie

Mar. 11, Mon. at 2 pm In the Old West, seven hard-working brothers need wives, so they carry off young women from the villages around. *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* stars Howard Keel and Jane Powell.

Independent Film

Mar. 12, Tues. at 2 pm & 6:30 pm A young man is obligated to drive his father to Mecca. The two embark on *Le Grand Voyage* that will change their lives. In Arabic & French with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only. Running time 108 min. [cc]

Digital Open House

Mar. 13, Wed. from 6-8 pm Bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more!

Explore Scotland

Mar. 21, Thurs. at 2 pm & 7 pm Look at Scotland's landscape while flying over the highest mountains, wildest coasts, and most memorable cities.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

Mar. 28, Thurs. at 1:30 pm *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka presents the stories of six Japanese mail-order brides.

Blood Pressure Screening

March 28, Thurs. from 10 am to Noon A health representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. **No registration needed.**

Great Books Discussion

Mar. 28, Thurs. at 7 pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer, a selection from the third series of Great Books.

Dyer/Schererville 322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film

Mar. 4, Mon. at 1 pm A comedic trait of marriage, *Helena From the Wedding* is not rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In English with no subtitles. Running time: 89 minutes.

Digital Open House

Mar. 6, Wed. from 6-8 pm Bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more!

Stamp Class

Mar. 12, Tues. at 6:30 pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourist

Mar. 20, Wed. at 7 pm Journey to Alaska in this presentation from the series, *1,000 Places To See Before You Die, Collection 1*. (DVD Presentation)

Between The Lines

Mar. 27, Wed. at 7 pm or Mar. 28, Thurs. at 10:15am *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, captures the triumphs and turmoil of two brave openhearted spirits, who risk everything in the search for knowledge at a time of superstition and ignorance.

St. John..... 365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/sj.htm

Stamp Class

Mar. 4, Mon. at 6:30 pm Learn how to make decorative cards. There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials. Payment is due at the time of class.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Mar. 4, Mon. at 6:30 pm We will be discussing *The Wolf Gift* by Anne Rice, the story of a young reporter who begins a terrifying transformation after she is bit by an unknown beast.

English as a Second Language

Mar. 5, 7, 12, & 14, Tues. & Thurs. at 6:30 pm Learn or improve your Eng-

lish speaking skills. A variety of English language lessons are offered from non-English speaking, to beginning, intermediate, and advanced students. For further information call Rosella Garcia at 769-3541.

Sit & Stitch

Mar. 6 & 20, Wed. from 6-8 pm Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project to gather with others who have a common thread. Join us for conversation and fun.

Word Play! Scrabble Anyone?

Mar. 11 & 25, Mon. from 1-3 pm Come join the F-U-N and spend the afternoon with fellow "wordies."

Landscaping with Native Plants

Mar. 11, Mon. at 6 pm Co-sponsored with the St. John Garden Club, Master Gardener Kathy Kick will talk about 'Landscaping with Native Plants for Four Seasons of Color.'

Page Turners Book Club

Mar. 13, Wed. at 6:30 pm Join us as we discuss *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson, an adventure of two weekend scuba divers who risk everything, as they make history.

Big Screen Musical

Mar. 19, Tues. at 1:30 pm *Barnum* is a circus musical that traces the career of P.T. Barnum, the World's Greatest Showman. Running time: 113 minutes.

Digital Open House

Mar. 27, Wed. from 6-8 pm Bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and learn about how to access eBooks, downloadable music and more!



WiFi available

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You can check out the Hobart library on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Hobart.LCPL>) for updates on what is going on at the library. The library also has three blogs: the Book Nook for book reviews (<http://www.hobartlibrarybooknook.blogspot.com/>), the Kids Nook (<http://hobartkidsnook.blogspot.com/>) for information on our children's department, and the Hobart Township Nook (<http://hobartlibrary.blogspot.com/>) for information on the library. Any patron who writes a review

of a book will receive a free book from our book sale room. We will also post the review online to our Book Nook blog. Review forms are available at the circulation desk.

With all the programs and happenings going on at the Hobart Branch Library, make sure you stop in to sign up, enjoy a cup of coffee, or just come in to read.

Lacey Klemm
Hobart Township Manager

March

Children's Programs

2013
Lake County Public Library
www.lcpln.org



Birth-23 months

and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.
or 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., or 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland

2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 3rd Mon. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 1 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tues. for ages 3 to 7 & family 6:30 p.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Tues. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpllin.org/branches/bo.htm

Pepperoni Pinwheels

Wednesday, March 13

4 p.m.

Kids in kindergarten and up will learn how to make a tasty little rolled-up pizza in this program. Preregistration is a must.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpllin.org/branches/cl.htm

Crafts & More

March 4 to 31

All Day

All month long enjoy crafts & more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun @ the library!



Snack & Plan

Monday, March 4

4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those (12 and older) wishing to join will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids, along with other volunteer activities.



Lego Mania

Thursday, March 7

4:30 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will make and display their own Lego creations made with library Lego bricks! All supplies--and snacks--will be provided.



Great Artists Craft Day

Saturday, March 9

10 a.m. - Noon

Children of all ages will celebrate Youth Art Month with crafts inspired by some of the great artists! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Duct Tape Mania

Tues. & Wed., March 12 & 13

4 p.m.

Teens, 11 and older, will make a game from duct tape! Make a wallet, purse, even a belt or tie or a cup. All you need is your imagination. We'll supply the duct tape and instructions. Snacks will be provided too!

Spring Break

Tuesday, March 21

4 p.m.

Teens (11 and older) are invited to celebrate with games, crafts, and more. Enjoy luau party snacks and make your own kabobs!

GameFest

Fri., March 22 & Wed., March 27

3-5 p.m.

Teens (11 and older) play Wii & PlayStation games, as well as board games. If you want, participate in a tournament, too. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Super Scrabble Saturday

Saturday, March 23

10 a.m. - Noon

Children and families are invited to play Scrabble at the library. All supplies and snacks will be provided.



Movie Break

Thursday, March 28

1-3 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to join us for a movie break! Movie snacks will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpllin.org/branches/ds.htm

Lego Club

Wed., March 6 & Mon., March 18

6:30 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the Library's Lego's.

Dynamite Duplo

Thursday, March 7

10 a.m.

This is a 30 minute program for 2 to 5 year old children, with a caregiver, and includes simple patterning and building activities with Duplo blocks.

Power Paws

Saturday, March 9

10 a.m.

Children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. All ages welcome.

Family Spring Story Hour

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 p.m.

This program is approximately 1 hour for ages 3 to 7 with their family. It includes stories, songs, activities, a craft, and a film.

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825 www.lcpllin.org/branches/gr.htm

St. Patrick's Day Kite

Thursday, March 14

3:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will here the story *Leprechauns Never Lie* and then make a kite to fly on St. Patrick's Day.

Lego Mania

Monday, March 18

3:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's Lego blocks.



Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 p.m.

If you enjoy Graphic Novels come and join us. This month we will be discussing *Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood* by John Lee.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394 www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 6

3:45 p.m.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure and a new sense of himself. Teens are invited to join us as we discuss *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Refreshments included. **Registration not necessary.**

Family Craft Night

Thursday, March 7

6:30 p.m.

Families with school age children will listen to a story and make a related craft to take home. Parents must accompany children to this program.

Lego Club

Wednesday, March 13

3:30 p.m.

School age children are invited to build with the library's Lego building blocks. Parents of children in kindergarten to 2nd grade should plan to stay with their child. Each month we have a 'challenge' building theme. Children may bring a construction from home to talk about during the 'show and tell' part of the program. Current constructions will be displayed in the library until the next meeting. We happily accept donations of Lego building blocks to add to our collection.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 20

3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. **Registration is not required.**

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243 www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

March 1 to 31

All Day

Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books for adults, teens, and children from our book sale room anytime during library open hours. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Dragons Love Tacos

Monday, March 4

6-8 p.m.

Did you know that Dragons love tacos? Find out why at this family program all about dragons and tacos. It will be a fun filled evening full of dragons, tacos, and much more!

Lego Night

Tuesday, March 5

6p.m.

In this one-hour program, school age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will have fun working with Lego bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

A Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration!

Thursday, March 7

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) are invited to join us for a fun Dr. Seuss celebration! We will read a Dr. Seuss story and enjoy green eggs and ham and a Dr. Seuss birthday cake.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class

Monday, March 11

6-8 p.m.

In this simple, easy, cooking class for adults and youngsters (grade 4 and older) we will be making three simple birthday treats. There will be taste testing of the end product and recipes will be given out. Please be sure to register.

Teen Tech Week

Thursday, March 14

6-8 p.m.

Teens are invited to celebrate Teen Tech Week where they will be making memes and making crafts out of old computer parts. Refreshments will be served.

Evening Pajama Movie

Tuesday, March 19

6 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to see the movie *Monsters Inc.* It is rated G and runs for 1 hour and 32 minutes. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their sleeping bag, pillow, and a favorite stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Teen Gaming

Tuesday, March 26

4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 4 and up) are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

'Tween Time

Wednesday, March 6

6 p.m.

'Twins from 10 to 12 years of age will be playing the word game *Scrabble*.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Continued on Pg. 4

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, March 8

11 a.m.

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Butterflies

Wednesday, March 13

6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten and up will make a butterfly craft and hear a story.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Lego Club

Monday, March 11

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique Lego creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Teen Gaming Night

Wednesday, March 20

6 p.m.

Teens, 12 to 17, will enjoy getting together to play *Wii*, *PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Journey to the Land of Stories

March 21, Thursday

4 p.m.

School-age children, kindergarten to grade 5, will hear excerpts from Chris Colfer's *Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* and make a fairy-tale related craft.

Scrabble Fun

Wednesday, March 27

6:30 p.m.

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play a fun game of *Scrabble*. Family members are welcome to join in!

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Poetry is...

Wednesday, March 6

4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten or older will explore some amusing poems and make their own poetry bookmarks.

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, March 7

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

Lego Building

Thursday, March 14

3-7 p.m.

Young Lego enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time between 3 and 7 p.m. for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with Lego blocks and share their creations with the group.

Family Craft Night

Thursday, March 27

6 p.m.

Children and their families will make their own weather barometer. Attendees of all ages are welcome, but children under 6 may need parental assistance.

Hop Family Movie Break

Friday, March 29

2 p.m.

Blending state-of-the-art animation with live action, Hop tells the comic tale of Fred, an out-of-work slacker who accidentally injures the Easter Bunny and must take him in as he recovers. As Fred struggles with the world's worst house guest, both will learn what it takes to finally grow up. Rated PG with a running time of 95 minutes.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379 www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

The Moon Launch

Thursday, March 7

4:30 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to 5th grade) will enjoy stories about the moon launch, make a craft, and participate in other fun activities.

Crafty Kids Club

Tuesday, March 12

4:30 p.m.

Every month, young artists (kindergarten to 5th grade) will explore different ways to create art.

Amazing Lego

Tuesday, March 19

4:30 p.m.

Young Lego enthusiasts (kindergarten to 5th grade) are encouraged to use their imagination as they make Lego creations with the library's Lego blocks.

Family Story Time

Wednesday, March 27

6:30 p.m.

Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids!



Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

April

Library Happenings

Ask a Librarian



Q: Do you have sources to study for GED tests?

A: We do have books throughout our library system that help you study for GED tests. We also have a database called *LearningExpressLibrary*. You can use this database from your home computer as long as you have a resident library card (white with red letters). You will need the barcode number and your PIN to sign in to the database. You may also access the database on the computers at any of our library branches.

From the library's home page (lcpln.org), go to "Research," found in the blue bar at the top. Drop down to "Magazines, Newspapers and Databases". Scroll down until you see "More databases" and you will see the link for *LearningExpressLibrary*. Click on that link and then enter your card number and PIN. On the left side of the page you will see "GED Preparation" about half-way down.

Welcome to the new Griffith-Calumet Township Branch



In March, the Lake County Public Library added a new branch to the family, replacing the 41st Avenue and Griffith Branches with the Griffith-Calumet Township Branch, located at the corner of Colfax Street and 45th Avenue in Griffith. The new building offers free WiFi, improved parking, a larger meeting room with attached kitchen, more public computers and flat-screen monitors, and a separate children's program room. Staff members will also benefit from a new staff lounge, increased workroom space, and other amenities.

The branch is furnished with all new tables and chairs including pub tables and window seats. The large study room provides a quiet area for individual study or serves as a convenient work space for small study groups. Collectors interested in exhibiting their collections will want to inquire about reserving the 4-pane, lighted display case near the entrance.

Preschool-aged children have a lot more room to explore and books are even easier to find with our new Neighborhood collections. Looking for princess books or superheroes? Browse the purple-labeled Popular neighborhood. Your grandson loves truck books? Head to the blue-labeled Transportation neighborhood. Parents and teachers alike will save time by browsing color-coded neighborhoods for Celebrations, Nature, Concepts, and Songs & Rhymes.

The Griffith-Calumet Township Branch also has a special place for young readers – The Hideaway, a perfect place to curl up and read a good book.

Adults will also find improvements with more room to browse New Release DVDs, feature films, TV shows, and instructional DVDs



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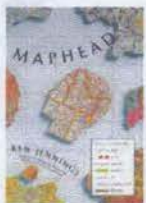


Awakening

by S.J. Bolton

This is a modern Gothic thriller, in which a young veterinarian, badly scarred as a baby and reclusive as a result, becomes involved in unraveling the reasons for an infestation of venomous snakes in her small Dorsetshire town. Could hardly put the book down!

LP/Reference emerita



Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography Wonks

by Ken Jennings

Ken Jenkins, Jeopardy champion and bestselling author, take us on tour in the strange and wonderful world of geography obsessed people. Most interesting.

MM/Ref



The Love of Her Life

by Harriet Evans

Kate flees from London to New York after a tragic event. Years later after her father becomes ill, she returns to London to face the friends, memories and past love she left behind.

AJ/HO



Shine, Shine, Shine

by Lydia Netzer

This fresh, quirky novel illuminates what it means to be human. The characters are intriguing. Sunny is bald and pregnant and due any second and her mother, Emma, is dying. Bubber, her son is autistic and her husband, Maxon, is an astronaut on a space mission who relates more to robots than to people. This story explores love, death, friendship and individuality and how people make connections.

DW/SJ

Merrillville Branch Happenings

1919W 81st Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm Phone 769-3541

BOOKreMARKS Online

April 1 to 30, All Day To join the online discussion of *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* by Margot Livesey, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

English as a Second Language

April 1 to 28, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30-8:30pm English classes for those who are learning English as their second language are provided free of charge. Contact Rosella Garcia, Literacy Coordinator, at 769-3541, ext. 6. Leave your name and number so we can plan for materials.

Homeschoolers' Idea Meeting

April 10, Wed. at 2pm Calling all Homeschoolers- We would like to design monthly programming especially for you in this brainstorming meeting. Children are welcome to attend and fun activities will be provided for them. Ext. 360

Paper Creations with Jolanda

April 11, Thurs. at 1pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials to create customized greeting cards due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Circle of Readers Book Discussion

April 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm In future North America an annual television survival competition pits young people from 12 districts against each other. Readers will discuss *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

Laugh for the Health of it!

April 17, Wed. at 7pm A Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor will lead a unique exercise routine where anyone can laugh unconditionally, without jokes or comedy, to oxygenate their body, reduce stress and change their mood. Ext. 317

Foundation Literary Tea

April 20, Sat. from 1-3:30pm You are cordially invited to the Foundation's thirteen annual Literary Tea. For more information and to be put on the invitation mailing list, please call the library at 219-769-3541, ext. 315.

Every CHILD Ready to READ

at your library

According to the National Institute for Literacy the most effective way for children to learn specific early literacy skills is for parents to teach them. Interactive activities are a great way to teach your child these skills. You are your child's first teacher and you can use daily activities to help your child learn the important early literacy skills she/he needs to be ready to learn to read. Have fun talking and playing to help teach your child vocabulary. The more words your child knows, the easier learning to read will be. Try these fun games suggested by the

Games to Teach Early Literacy Skills

Dallas Public Library:

• Peek-a-boo Game: choose three or four objects from around the house. While reciting the following poem, cover up each object with a napkin:

Peek-a-boo morning,

Peek-a-boo night,

Peek-a-boo left,

And Peek-a-boo right.

Let's play a game for me and for you,

Let's play a game of peek-a-boo!

Ask child what is under each napkin before you remove it. Say, "Peek-a-boo!"

This game can be done anywhere by taking objects out of your purse and concealing the in your hand. Describe the object to give your

child a hint (he will hear descriptive words).

• Coffee Can Theater: put pictures or slips of paper with words into a coffee can. Choose a picture or word and have your child act it out. For example, you might have a picture of an elephant. You and your child would then act like elephants.

Visit the library, too! Many locations have ongoing early literacy activities for you and your child. Storytimes always include early literacy activities and also offer lots of ideas for teaching your child early literacy skills at home. To find a storytime check out the Library Events calendar at www.lcpln.org or call your local branch.

Branch Library Happenings

Merrillville.....769-3541

1919 W. 81st Ave., IN 46410
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Teen Gaming Night

April 24, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12-17 years of age, are invited to get together to play Wii, PlayStation 2, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Financial Recovery

April 25, Thurs. at 6pm Learn how to recover financially and rebuild your credit after a financial set-back.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

April 26, Fri. at 10am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to Noon. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease

April 26, Fri. at Noon The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Black Oak..... 844-8809

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary IN 46406
www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Digital Open House

April 17, Wed. at 4pm Stop by for dessert and bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more!

Cedar Lake..... 374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Crafts & More @ the Library

April 1 to 30, All Day Enjoy crafts & more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families & young children! It's always fun @ the library! **Registration not required.**

Snack & Plan

April 1, Mon. at 4pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, eat, play games, and plan programs for teens & younger kids.

History on Film: Wonders Sacred and Mysterious

April 9, Tues. at 2pm On the library's big screen, viewers will experience incomparable sites that continue to inspire, including Stonehenge, the Great Pyramid, and the Taj Mahal.

Art Attack

April 9 & 10, Tues. & Wed. 4pm Everyone will be an artist with different types of paints, a variety of

pencils, & mixed media. Create an artistic snack, too! Teens 11 & older.

Teen GameFest

April 12 & 26, Fri. and April 24, Wed. from 3-5pm Teens are invited to play Wii, PlayStation and board games of choice.

Books & Chat

April 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson, an enjoyable trapeze through the English countryside and the long-held traditions of the British aristocracy.

Library Lympics

April 18, Thurs. at 4pm Teens will compete in a variety of library style games, including Paperback Bowling and CD Discus Toss.

It's in the Bag: T-Shirt Reconstruction

April 22, Mon. at 6:30pm Recycle that old t-shirt into a reusable purse or bag -no sewing required! A great way to celebrate Earth Day!

Travel the World without Leaving Home

April 23, Tues. at 2pm Enjoy arm chair travel viewing 2,000 years of history in a European capital, Budapest.

Dyer/Schererville..... 322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film

April 1, Mon. at 1pm *King of Devil's Island* is the true story of the infamous Bastoy Boys Home correctional facility in Norway. Not rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In Norwegian with English subtitles [cc] Running time: 115 minutes

Stamp Class

April 9, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick. Registration required.

Virtual Tourist

April 17, Wed. at 7pm Journey to India from the DVD series, *1,000 Places To See Before You Die*, Collection 2.

Between the Lines

April 24, Wed. at 7pm or Apr. 25, Thurs. at 10:15am In a close knit Dublin community, an alcoholic learns he has fathered a child and must step into the role of father, protector, and provider to his infant daughter. Join us as we discuss *Mind-ling Frankie* by Maeve Binchy.

Griffith-Calumet Twp .. 838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations

April 2, Tues. at 1pm The \$5 fee covers ma-

terials and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group

Apr. 2, Tues. at 5:30pm or Apr. 3, Wed. at 10:30am Read and discuss *Columbine*, Dave Cullen's highly acclaimed account of the 1999 school shooting that shocked the country.

Thursday Threaders

April 4, 11, 18, 25, Thurs. 10:30am-1pm Bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

Apr. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm Read S.J. Bolton's psychological suspense novel, *Now You See Me*, and discuss the book with other readers.

Digital Open House

April 10, Wed. at 6pm Stop by for dessert and bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more!

Paper Creations

April 16, Tues. at 6:30pm The \$5 fee covers materials and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

Graphic Novel Book Club

April 25, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens will be reviewing *The Walking Dead: Book One* created by Robert Kirkman.

Book Buddies

April 29, Mon. at 4pm Read and discuss Deborah Moggach's entertaining story about a group of adventurous retirees staying at *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*.

Highland..... 838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322
www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film

April 1, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Journey around the globe to discover Al Qaeda's secret world.

Teen Book Discussion

April 3, Wed. at 3:45pm In *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, a 13 year old spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the hatchet given him by his mother. **Registration not required.**

Digital Open House

Apr. 3, Wed. at 6pm Stop by for dessert and bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more!

Fiction Book Discussion

April 9, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larsen, a remarkable true story set in 1933 Berlin when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany. **Registration not required.**

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Branch Library Happenings

Great Decisions Discussion Group

April 9 & 23, Tues. at 6:30pm Join us as we discuss NATO. How has NATO's agenda evolved since its inception during the cold war? What are the present day security challenges?

Teen Movie

April 13, Sat. at 2pm Teens are invited to watch the movie *Brave*, have some snacks, popcorn, and FUN! **Registration not required.**

Travel Film - Croatia

April 15, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm View Croatia's natural richness of geography on the library's big screen.

Teen Advisory Board

April 17, Wed. at 3:45pm Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. **Registration not required.**

Stamp Camp

April 17, Wed. at 6:30pm With professional assistance, design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class. Please register.

Inspirational Book Discussion

April 18, Thurs. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *The Widow of Saunders Creek* by Tracey Bate-man, a story that raises thought-provoking questions concerning who and what one lives for. **Registration is not required.**

Gardening Program

April 18, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Sue Eleuterio will present a program on beekeeping.

Classic Film

April 22, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *The Odd Life of Timothy Green* starring Jennifer Gardner, Joel Edgerton and CJ Adams is an inspiring, magical story.

Alzheimer's Disease - The Late Stages

April 24, Wed. at Noon The program's focus: caregivers will learn the concept of self in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease as well as learn effective ways to communicate, connect with, and provide daily care in the late-stage. A free box lunch will be served for all who register.

10 Points to Better Photography

April 24, Wed. at 6:30pm This presentation focuses on taking better pictures with digital SLR or point and shoot cameras. Please bring your camera and camera manual to the program.

Mystery Book Discussion

April 25, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss *The Tomb of the Golden Bird* by Elizabeth Peters, a tale of uncovering King Tut's burial chamber and its magnificent contents. **Registration not required.**

ASL Story Time

April 27, Sat. at 2pm The American Sign Language story time is for hearing impaired children and their families.

Teen Computer Break it & Make it

April 27, Sat. from 2-4pm Join us as we continue taking apart old computers and making crafts from recycled parts. In addition, we will learn how to use our tools properly!! Snacks included. **Registration is helpful but not required.**

Classic Film

April 29, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Trouble with the Curve* stars Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake, in the story of an aging baseball scout and his daughter who reveal long-held truths about their past.

Hobart 942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ho.htm

Coffee Break Tuesdays

April 2, Tues. from 10am-Noon or 4-6pm Adults and teens are invited to have coffee on us. Sit back and relax with a cup of java and a good book.

Travel Film-Hidden Hawaii

April 2, Tues. at 2pm Embark on an expedition to explore stunning coral reefs, shallow water environments, and rare species in America's newest marine sanctuary. **Registration not required.**

Tips for the New Gardener

April 3, Wed. at 6pm Join us for refreshments and a lively presentation by Master Gardener Dolly Foster on "Tips for the New Gardener."

Adult Learning Classes

April 8 to 30, Mon. to Thurs. from noon to 4pm or 4-8pm Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 672.

Egg Hunt

April 8, Mon. from 6-8pm The whole family is invited to come to the library for an egg hunt and a party. Refreshments will be served and games will be played.

Tuesdays with Movies

April 9, Tues. at 2pm *War Horse* is set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War. Refreshments served.

Folklore & Gardens

April 10, Wed. at 6pm Join us for refreshments and Master Gardener Sue Eleuterio's lively presentation, "Folklore and Gardens."

Crafter's Corner

April 11, Thurs. at 6pm We will create scarves out of t-shirts. Please bring one or two t-shirts

with and the rest of the supplies will be provided. Refreshments served.

Teen Movie Saturday

April 14, Sat. at Noon Teens are invited to watch *The Goonies*, a thrilling underground adventure filled with humor and heart-pounding peril. Popcorn, cookies, and lemonade will be served.

National Library Week: Create an Original Work of Art

April 15-20, Mon.-Sat., All Day In honor of *National Library Week* we ask all the artists out there to submit an original work of art that has to do with Reading! All submissions will be showcased around the library so patrons can vote on their favorites. Call for details.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class: Candy

April 15, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm In this simple, easy, cooking class adults and teens will be making homemade Milky Ways, Turtles, and Oreo Balls. There will be taste testing and recipes will be provided.

Who Picked this Book?

April 16, Tues. at 10:30am or April 17, Wed. at 6pm *The Room* follows narrator Jack and his resourceful mother, who live in a tiny, 11-foot-square soundproofed cell in a converted shed in their kidnapper's yard, through a nail-biting escape. Refreshments served.

National Library Week: Gift Basket Giveaway

April 16-20, Tues.-Sat., All Day To help celebrate *National Library Week* we will have a drawing of a gift basket full of goodies. To enter: complete a word search, or comment on our Facebook page or on our Blog. The winner will be announced on April 22nd.

Fairy Gardening

April 17, Wed. at 6pm Master Gardener Stacey Haskins offers a lively presentation on "Fairy Gardening," accompanied with refreshments.

Stamp Camp

April 18, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of custom greeting card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Teen Poetry Night

April 18, Thurs. at 6pm To celebrate *National Poetry Month*, teens are invited to a poetry night and will participate in poetry projects.

Pancakes and Scrabble

April 20, Sat. from 10am-Noon All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play *Scrabble* at the library.

Teen Gaming

April 23, Tues. at 4pm Teens and 'tweens (grades 4 and up) are invited to play video games on the Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

Branch Library Happenings

Proper Lawn Irrigation

April 24, Wed. at 6pm Master Gardener Nikky Witkowski provides a lively presentation on "Proper Lawn Irrigation."

Lake Station 962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpln.org/branches/snc.htm

Book Chat

April 4, Thurs. at 10:30am *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Phillip Sendker, a lush tale of love, romance, and family set from Burma to New York in the mid-twentieth century, will be discussed.

Family Nutrition Program

April 12, Fri. at 11am Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children, preparing quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

National Library Week: Gift Basket Giveaway

April 15-20 All Day To help celebrate National Library Week we will have a drawing of a gift basket full of goodies. To enter: complete a word search, or comment on our Facebook page or on our Blog. The winner will be announced on April 22nd.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

April 18 or 25, Thurs. from 10:30am-12:30pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

April 23, Tues. from 10:30am-12:30pm Learn basic computer skills.

Digital Open House

April 24, Wed. from 6-8pm Stop by for dessert and bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more!

Munster 836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings

April 2, Tues. at 6:30pm The Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America offers *The Vikings*, a Great Courses DVD lecture series. This month's topics are 'From Varangians to Russians' and 'Transformation of Scandinavian Society.'

Classic Hollywood Movie

April 8, Mon. at 2pm A farmer builds a baseball diamond to summon the ghosts of past players. *Field of Dreams*, featuring Kevin Costner, Amy Poehler, and Ray Liotta is rated PG; running time 106 min; [cc]

Independent Film

April 9, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm *Small, Beautiful*

fully Moving Parts takes a comic and poignant look at one woman's coming-of-parenthood in the Internet age. Not rated; adults only. Running time 73 min. [cc]

Gardening Program

April 10, Wed. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Cherry Hoffner will demonstrate pruning techniques.

Explore Cyprus

April 18, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Cyprus, lying in the eastern bowl of the Mediterranean Sea, awaits tourists with warm sunny weather, a diverse landscape and friendly locals.

Blood Drive

April 23, Tues. from 3-6pm A Bloodmobile Coach from Heartland Blood Center will be available in the library's south parking lot.

Blood Pressure Screening

April 25, Thurs. from 10am-Noon A medical representative provides free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration are needed.**

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

April 25, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Emily, Alone* by Stewart O'Nan tells the story of newly independent widow who dreams of visits by grandchildren before realizing an inner strength to pursue developing opportunities.

Great Books Discussion

April 25, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *Agamemnon* by Aeschylus, a selection from the third series of Great Books.

St. John 365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373
www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Stamp Class

April 1, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided to design and create customized greeting cards, due at the time of class.

Moon Called Book Discussion

April 1, Mon. at 6:30pm Join us as we discuss the first in the Chicagoland Vampires series, *Some Girls Bite*, by Chloe Neill, the story of a graduate student rescued from a rogue vampire's attack.

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shelved together with books on the same subject.

The Book Depot has been upgraded, too! Browsing for a good book? Be sure to check our staff-selected display first.

The new Griffith-Calumet Township Branch has much to offer patrons of the Lake County Public Library. We look forward to seeing you!

Chris Rettig Calumet Township Branches Manager

Sit & Stitch

April 3 & 17, Wed. from 6-8pm Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project gather with others who have a common thread for conversation & fun.

Word Play! Scrabble Anyone?

April 8 & 22, Mon. from 1-3pm Come join the F-U-N and spend the afternoon with fellow 'wordies.'

Computer Class - Meet the Mouse

April 9, Tues. at 1:30pm or April 12, Fri. at 10:30am Learn the basics of how to move and 'click' a computer mouse effectively.

Computer Class - Applying Online for a Job

April 9, Tues. or April 15, Mon. at 6pm or April 30, Tues. at 1:30pm This basic class will show you how to fill out job applications that are presented when you are applying for a job online.

Page Turners Book Club

April 10, Wed. at 6:30pm Join us as we discuss *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom, the story of Eddie who wakes up in heaven where five people are waiting to show him the value of his life.

Computer Class - Basic Windows

April 15, Mon. or April 17, Wed. at 1:30pm Learn about basic computer terminology, Windows and basic usage of the Open Office program. Participant must know how to use a computer mouse.

Big Screen Musical

April 16, Tues. at 1:30pm Watch *Unsinkable Molly Brown* which features Debbie Reynolds as an uneducated mountain girl in search of a rich husband, who becomes a heroine of her time. Running time: 128 minutes

Computer Class - Navigating the Net

April 18, Thurs. or April 23, Tues. at 1:30pm Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using the library's Webpage, Google and Yahoo.

Computer Class - Email Essentials

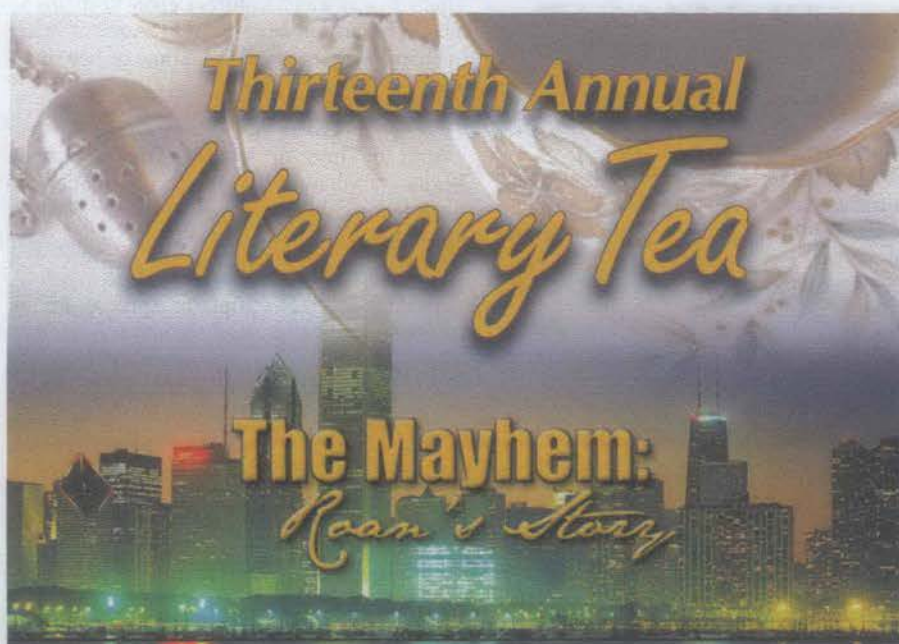
April 24, Wed. at 1:30pm or April 26, Fri. at 10:30am Having an email account is becoming more and more important to everyday life. Learn how to safely set-up a free Yahoo email account and send and receive emails safely.

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The Lake County Public Library Foundation Presents The...



"Meet Author Meggie Tolklund"

Saturday, April 20 at 1 p.m. in the library's
newly renovated Meeting Room

The event includes a full afternoon tea with
appetizers, finger sandwiches, desserts, and
a full compliment of teas for \$18 per person.
In addition there will be a raffle filled with
an assortment of unique and lovely prizes.

This year's entertainment will be a delight-
ful presentation by Meggie Tolklund, author
of **The Mayhem: Roan's Story**, an urban
fantasy centered in Chicago and filled with
power struggles and romance.

For more information and to purchase tickets
call the library at (219) 769-3541, ext. 315

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

April



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Lake County Public Library

www.lcpln.org

Children's Programs



Birth-23 months

and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.
or 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

John Branch:

1st & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., or 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland

2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st, 3rd & 5th Mon. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 1 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Tues. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Silly Weather Forecasting

Wednesday, April 10

4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten and up will make a 'bird-o-metric' weather forecaster in this silly program. **Registration is a must.**

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Crafts & More @ the Library

April 1 to 30

All Day

All month long enjoy crafts and more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun @ the library! **Registration is not required.**



Snack & Plan

Monday, April 1

4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids, along with other volunteer activities. For teens 12 and older.

LEGO Mania

April 4, Thursday

4:30-6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library LEGO bricks! All supplies and snacks will be provided.

Art Attack

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 9 & 10

4 p.m.

Everyone will be an artist with different types of paints, a variety of pencils, and mixed media. Create an artistic snack, too! Teens 11 & older.

GameFest

Friday, April 12 & 26

3-5 p.m.

Teens 11 and older play games of your choice, including PlayStation & Wii. Compete in tournaments for prizes.

Trash to Treasure Craft Day

Saturday, April 13

10 a.m.-Noon

In celebration of Earth Day, children of all ages will create art projects from a wide variety of craft materials. We'll also make a 'trashy' treat! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reader Leader with Bailey & Piper - Therapy Dogs

Tuesday, April 16

4:30 p.m.

Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities, games and crafts. Children will also have an opportunity to read with Bailey or Piper, who are licensed therapy dogs.

Lybrary Lympics

Thursday, April 18

4 p.m.

Teens will be able to compete in a variety of library style games, including 'Paper-back Bowling' and 'CD Discus Toss.' There will also be trivia games and scavenger hunts, as well as snacks. Prizes for all! (11 and older)

It's in the Bag: T-Shirt Reconstruction

Monday, April 22

6:30 p.m.

Recycle that old t-shirt into a reusable purse or bag -no sewing required! A great way to celebrate Earth Day!

Calling Captain Underpants!

Thursday, April 25

4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to 5th grade will enjoy stories and activities about one of our wackiest superheroes!

Super Scrabble Saturday

Saturday, April 27

10 a.m.-Noon

Children and families are invited to play *Scrabble* at the library. All supplies and snacks will be provided.

Rhyme Time Poetry Pizzazz Family Fun

Monday, April 29

6:30 p.m.

All ages will enjoy rhyme and poetry in stories, songs, games, crafts, and more! Make picture poems and even ones to eat! Now that's a treat that can't be beat! Celebrate National Poetry Month with fun for everyone!

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

LEGO Club

Wed, April 3 and Mon, April 15

6:30 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the Library's LEGO building blocks.



Dynamite Duplos

Thursday, April 4

10:30 a.m.

This is a 30 minute program for 2-5 year old children, with a caregiver, and includes simple patterning and building activities with Duplo blocks.

Family Scrabble Saturday

Saturday, April 6

11 a.m.

Families with children in grades 3 and over, may enjoy a game of *Scrabble* at the library! Game boards and pieces will be provided. **Registration is not required.**



Family Springtime Story Hour

Thursday, April 11 & Tuesday, April 16

6:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-7 will enjoy approximately one hour of stories, activities, a short film, and a craft.

Power Paws

Saturday, April 13

10 a.m.

Children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. All ages welcome. **Registration is not required.**

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Kids Cook

Thursday, April 4, 11, 18, 25

4 p.m.

Children, ages 7 to 12, will be using the microwave oven to make simple meals and snacks to share with their family. There is a fee of \$1.50 for each of the four cooking sessions. We go from breakfast to dinner and then dessert in these classes. First up is crustless Quiche Lorraine, next is Southern Chicken Salad Slider, followed by Pocket Pizzas, and topped off with a microwave Cheesecake for a family dessert.



Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, April 4

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing *Scrabble*—you are sure to increase your vocabulary. If *Scrabble* isn't your game, come in and try one of the other board games we have.

Paper, Stamps & Ink

Saturday, April 13

10 a.m.

Paper, Stamps & Ink, an adventure into paper creation for the young at heart is a new program for children in kindergarten and up. There is a \$5.00 fee for the materials that will be provided. We will be making several items each session.



MAY

Library Happenings

Ask a Librarian



Q: How do I find out if you have a recording of the short story "Harvey's Dream" by Stephen King?

A: Click on the library catalog link (found on the upper right of the library's home page: www.lcplin.org) and then on the "Search" tab. In the keyword search box type: harvey's dream stephen king and then go to the "Limit by" option. From the drop-down menu, choose "Audio-book". Then click on the search button or hit enter. You should get two results which have the short story you are looking for. Notice the little headphone icons indicating that these are audio-books.

A Bumper Crop of Garden Information

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything." Marcus Tilius Cicero. Nature never goes out of style. You don't have to play in the dirt to enjoy a beautiful garden! Are you a master gardener or do you just like to putter around in the soil? The library features a variety of gardening programs as well as a multitude of landscaping and gardening materials that you can check out on your library card. To learn more about the gardening programs look inside this issue of the Happenings or check online at www.lcplin.org.



Do you enjoy browsing through gardening magazines?

Look at some of these magazine to see current trends in gardening: *The American Gardener*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Birds and Blooms*, *Chicagoland Gardening*, *Garden Gate*, *Horticulture*, *Organic Gardening* or *Taunton's Fine Gardening*.

Would you rather look at your e-reader, tablet or computer than a magazine?

Try accessing the library's new digital magazine service Zinio for some of these gardening magazines: *Mother Earth News*, *Country Living*, and *Container Gardening*.

Like to watch dvds? We have 30 dvds about gardens or gardening tips. You can watch gardens in action with: *Gardening Watch Your Green Grow*, *Great Gardening Tips* or *Secrets of the Rose Gardener*. Explore famous gardens with: *The Great Gardens of England Collection*.

Guess how many adult non-fiction books there are in our ten library buildings?

If you guessed over 2,000 titles on gardening, you'd be right! Consider looking at these titles: *Covering Ground* by Barbara Ellis, *The Ultimate Guide to Growing Your Own Food* by Monte Burch, *Apartment Gardening* by Amy Pennington, *Vertical Gardening* by Derek Fell, *Organic Gardening* by Geoff Hamilton, *Ask the Garden Doctor*, *The Speedy Vegetable Garden* by Mark Diacono, *Rosemary Gladstar's Medicinal Herbs*, *The Edible Balcony* by Alex Mitchell, *Landscaping for Privacy* by Marty Wingate, or *Twilight Garden: A Guide to Enjoying Your Garden in the Evening Hours* by Lia Leendertz.

Like to surf the web? Some recommended gardening websites are: Garden Web, National Gardening Association and Purdue Extension Garden Tips. More than a casual gardener? Try looking at some of the databases on the library's website www.lcplin.org under *Magazines, Newspapers and Databases* to

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STAFF RECOMMENDS

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, you may want to garden or travel or do some outdoor woodworking. Your library has magazines on these subjects that will help you plan.



Birds & Blooms: Beauty in Your Own Backyard:

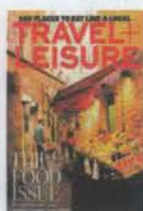
This magazine gives you proven tips for attracting birds to your yard plus expert advice for growing gorgeous blooms. *Birds & Blooms* includes full-color photos throughout each issue along with fascinating bird facts. You will find green-thumb tips for gardening from experts and money-saving secrets for your yard.



Other gardening titles found at the library include *Organic Gardening*, *Chicagoland Gardening* and *Fine Gardening*.

Popular Woodworking:

This title has everything woodworkers need to develop their skills. *Woodworking* essentials from A to Z are covered. Every issue includes projects that build your skills. You will find articles about technique and finishing methods written by professional woodworking experts.



The library also subscribes to *Fine Woodworking* magazine.

Travel & Leisure:

Travel & Leisure magazine reveals the best travel destinations in the world. You will find tips on where to find the best hotels, the best shopping, the best food and the most fun. Readers will find articles on great travel deals and insider travel tips to help save money and time.



Other travel titles you will find at the library include *TimeOut Chicago*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Outdoor Indiana* and *Travel Smart*.

Merrillville Branch

1919W. 81st Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cnl.htm Phone 769-3541

BOOKreMARKS Online

May 1 to 31, All Day Every Day To join the month-long, online book discussion of *Shine, Shine, Shine* by Lydia Netzer, send an email to remarks@lcpl.in.org. For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpl.in.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

English as a Second Language

May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 & 29, Mon. & Wed. 6:30-8:30pm Free classes include speaking, reading and writing English, at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels of instruction. Ext. 336

Blood Pressure Screenings

May 8, Wed. from 10am-11am A medical professional will provide free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration needed.**

Paper Creations with Jolanda

May 9, Thurs. at 1:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Circle of Readers

May 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers will discuss *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham, a story of the first person to fly nonstop across the Atlantic, from Europe to America.

Gaming Night

May 15, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 12 to 17, will play Wii, *PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks served.

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting

May 17, Fri. from 9am-11am The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2013 reading initiative. Anyone in the 'Region' communities are welcome to the table! Ext. 315.

Every Child Ready to Read: Background Knowledge

It makes sense: the more children know about their world, the easier it will be for them to learn to read. When children can relate at least a little to the words and stories they are learning to read, they are more motivated to read and they will better understand what they are reading.

Background knowledge includes many things: objects, not only what they are, but also the



concepts of shapes, color, texture, and special relationships; problem solving; recounting events—in order; and developing thinking skills. So what can you do? The weather is warmer at last, so go out and help your child experience

many things. Then be sure to talk about them with your child! Encourage your child to notice many things—colors, shapes—clouds. Ask your child to predict what will happen, when, for example, the sun begins to shine just as the rain has stopped. At the end of the day, encourage your child to recount what you did together. You are teaching many early literacy skills—and helping your child get ready to learn to read!

Branch Library Happenings

Merrillville.....769-3541

1919 W. 81st Ave., IN 46410
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

May 24, Fri. at 10am A free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to Noon. Advanced Issues & Strategies is the topic of the afternoon session that begins at 12pm. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Volunteer Meeting

May 28, Tues. at 4pm or May 29, Wed. at 6pm "Tweens and teens, ages 11 through 17, who want to volunteer for the Summer Reading Program, must attend this instructional meeting. A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign a permission slip.

Cedar Lake374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan

May 6, Mon. at 4pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, earn volunteer hours: eat, play games, plan programs for teens & younger kid.

Digital Open House

May 8, Wed. from 6-8pm Stop by for dessert and see what materials the library can offer you from the comfort of home! Bring your laptop, eReader or other Wi-Fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more! **Registration not required.**

GameFest

May 10, Fri. & May 29, Wed. from 3-5pm Teens play games of their choice, including PlayStation & Wii.

Knitting Class

May 13 & 20, Mon. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instructions. Participants should bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

Blood Pressure Screenings

May 14, Tues. at 1pm A medical professional will provide free blood pressure screenings.

No appointments or registration needed.

U-Pick Sensational Snacks & Crafts

May 14 & 15, Tues. & Wed. at 4pm Teens can choose from a variety of crafts and make deep fried or healthy foods.

Books & Chat

May 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Dog Stars* by Peter Heller, a riveting novel about a pilot living in a world filled with loss after surviving a pandemic disease that has killed everyone he knows.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

May 28, Tues. at 11am Learn the basics of using the computer.

Computer Class: Basic Windows

May 28, Tues. at Noon This beginning level class will teach users about the keyboard, parts of the computer, and basic word processing, including editing.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home: Iran

May 28, Tues. at 2pm Enjoy arm chair travel via the library's big screen on this tour of Iran, formerly Persia, is the biggest country in the Middle East.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

May 29, Wed. at 6:30pm Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Computer Class: Using the Library Online

May 30, Thurs. at 10am Learn how to use the library's web page to find the information, as well as the online catalog to locate materials, request items, and renew what is checked out, and explore various databases.

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting

May 30, Thurs. at 3pm or 4:30pm Teens and 'tweens, 11 to 17, who want to help with the children's Summer Reading program should plan to attend this instructional meeting. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Dyer/Schererville322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film

May 6, Mon. at 1pm Families are complicated...especially for a 60 year old expecting to become a father again. *The Day I Saw Your Heart* is not rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In French with English subtitles [cc] Running time: 98 minutes

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, & Alzheimer's Disease

May 7, Tues. at 6pm The Alzheimer's Association of Indiana offers "The Basics," a program designed to educate attendees about the difference between normal memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. **Registration is not required.**

Stamp Class

May 14, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourist

May 15, Wed. at 7pm Journey to Scotland's islands, the highlands, and to the city of Edinburgh

Computer Training Program: Meet the Mouse

May 16 or 22, Thurs. or Wed. from 1:30-3:30pm Learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Space is limited, be sure to register.

Summer Reading Youth Volunteer Meeting

May 18, Sat. at 10am, May 21 or 23, Tues. or Thurs. at 6:30pm. "Tweens and teens, age 11 and up, must attend one of the meetings to become a volunteer for the Summer Reading Program. Parents must sign the volunteer application

Between The Lines

May 22, Wed. at 7pm or May 23, Thurs. at 10:15am Join us as we discuss *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles, the story of a young woman in 1937 whose life is on the brink of transformation from the secretarial pool to the upper echelons of New York society.

Computer Training Program: Basic Windows

May 23, Thurs. or May 29, Wed. from 1:30-3:30pm Learn computer terminology and about Windows. Attendees must have basic mouse skills. Space is limited, be sure to register.

Interior Design Seminar

May 29, Wed. from 6:45-8pm Award winning interior decorator, Cathi Lloyd of Decorating Den Interiors, will provide a free, inspiring, and entertaining interior design presentation complete with 'before' and 'after' photos for every room of the house. **Registration not required.**



WiFi available

Branch Library Happenings

Griffith-Calumet Twp ...838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Thursday Threaders

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Thurs. from 10:30am-1:30pm Bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Paper Creations

May 7, Tues. at 1pm & May 21, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group

May 7, Tues. at 5:30pm or May 8, Wed. at 10:30am Read and discuss *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe, an inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a "book club."

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

May 13, Mon. at 1pm Discuss *The Keeper of Lost Causes*, a Scandinavian crime novel by Jussi Adler-Olsen, with other readers.

Book Buddies

May 20, Mon. at 4pm In *The Beginner's Goodbye* by Anne Tayler, a middle-aged man, ripped apart by the death of his wife, is gradually restored by her frequent appearances.

Highland838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322
www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

May 23, Thurs. at 6:30pm Teens will be discussing *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier.

Teen Book Discussion - Graphic Novels

May 1, Wed. at 3:45pm Teens will be reading *Amulet*, the story of a family that moved to their ancestral home to start a new life. **Registration not required.**

History On Film

May 6, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm *The Hatfields and McCoys*, a staple of American folklore, explores what really happened between the two families. Refreshments served. **Registration not required.**

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

May 8, Wed. at 6:30pm The bi-monthly meeting of the Highland Community Crime

Watch is presented by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov). **Registration not required.**

Travel Film - Egypt

May 13, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Travel by film to Egypt to see the Valley of the Kings, the Giza pyramid, Hatsheput's temple and Karnak. Refreshments served. **Registration not required.**

Fiction Book Discussion - Girl in Translation

May 14, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok, the story of an exceptional student by day and a sweatshop worker by night. **Registration not required.**

Great Decisions Discussion Group

May 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Join us as we discuss the unprecedented democratic reforms in Myanmar. What role will Myanmar play in Southeast Asia?

Teen Advisory Board

May 15, Wed. at 3:45pm Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. **Registration not required.**

Stamp Camp

May 15, Wed. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class.

Inspirational Book Discussion

May 16, Thurs. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *Saving Hope* (by Margaret Daley), the story of how a Texas Ranger's faith and investigative skills are challenged as he fights to find the mastermind behind a human trafficking ring. **Registration not required.**

Gardening Program

May 16, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener, Stacey Haskins will present a program on border gardening.

Classic Film

May 20, Mon. at 2pm Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, *Les Misérables* tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption; a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. **Registration not required.**

Mystery Book Discussion

May 23, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss *Gone Missing* by Linda Castillo, a chilling novel about the rite of passage gone terribly wrong. **Registration not required.**

ASL Story time

May 25, Sat. at 2pm American Sign Language provides a story time for hearing impaired children and their families.

Hobart942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342
www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Adult Learning Classes

May 1 to 29, Mon. & Wed. from Noon-4pm or 4pm -8pm or May 2 to 30, Tues. & Thurs. Noon-4pm. Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Call Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 672.

Digital Library Open House

May 1, Wed. from 6-8pm Stop by for dessert and see what materials the library offers! Bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about eBooks, downloadable music and more. **Registration not required.**

Cinco De Mayo Celebration

May 6, Mon. at 6pm The whole family is invited for a Cinco De Mayo celebration with walking tacos, making chili pepper pinatas, and playing games. Please be sure to register.

History Film

May 7, Tues. at 2pm. *Titanic & Me* is a unique account of one of the most famous disasters in history. **Registration not required.**

Crafter's Corner

May 8, Wed. at 6pm Create Modge Podge picture frames. Please bring a wooden picture frame and the rest of the supplies will be provided. Refreshments served.

Teen Movie Saturday

May 11, Sat. at Noon Miley Cyrus stars in *The Last Song*, the story of an estranged father trying to reconnect with his reluctant teenaged daughter.

Tuesday with Movies

May 14, Tues. at 2pm In *Skyfall*, James Bond's loyalty to M is tested as her past comes back to haunt her. Refreshments served.

Stamp Camp

May 16, Thurs. at 6:30pm There is a fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring scissors.

Branch Library Happenings

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class: **Mexican Fiesta**

May 20, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Learn to make saucy burritos, black bean salsa, and baked churros. There will be taste testing of the end product and recipes will be given out. Please be sure to register.

Who Picked This Book?

May 21, Tues. at 10:30am or May 22, Wed. at 6pm Come join us for a lively chat and tasty refreshments as we discuss *The Commoner* by John Burnham, about the first commoner to enter the world of Japanese royalty. **Registration not required.**

Teen Gaming

May 28, Tues. at 4pm Teens and 'tweens play video games on the Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games. Snacks provided.

Summer Reading Tween & Teen Volunteer Meeting

May 28, Tues. at 6pm Tweens and Teens (completed grades 4 and up and accompanied by a parent) will learn about and sign up for volunteering during the Summer Reading programs.

Lake Station962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/snc.htm

Book Chat

May 2, Thurs. at 10:30am *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler is the story of two families that meet while waiting for the arrival of their adopted infant daughter from Korea.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

May 7, Tues. from 10:30am-12:30pm Learn basic computer skills. Class size is limited; be sure to register.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

May 9, Thurs. from 10:30am-12:30pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Be sure to register, class size is limited.

Family Nutrition Program

May 10, Fri. from 11am-1:30pm The Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children on how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Munster836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings

May 7, Tues. at 6:30pm The Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America offers *The Vikings*, a Great Courses DVD lecture series. This month's topics include 'St Anskar and the First Christian Missions' and 'Formation of the Kingdom of Denmark.'

Gardening Program

May 8, Wed. at 6:30pm Mary Jo Weaver, Master Gardener, will offer gardening tips for those with small living spaces.

Classic Film: 12 Angry Men

May 13, Mon. at 2pm A murder case jury about to vote guilty is convinced otherwise by one doubting member in this classic movie.

Independent Film

May 14, Tues. at 2pm & 6:30pm In *Hello Lonesome* the worlds of six flawed but endearing individuals are woven together. Not rated; adults only. Running time 93 min. [cc]

Explore Monaco

May 16, Thurs. at 2pm & 7pm Explore the French Riviera's Monaco, a tiny duchy that attracts tourists, millionaires, ship owners, sportsmen, and film and pop stars.

Blood Pressure Screening

May 23, Thurs. from 10am-Noon With the assistance of a medical professional, free blood pressure screenings will be provided. No appointments or registration needed.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

May 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm Join in the discussion of *Sister* by Rosamund Lupton, a tear-jerking, spine-tingling, and thrilling story of fierce love between siblings.

Great Books Discussion

May 30, Thurs. at 7pm Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Beast in the Jungle* by Henry James, a selection from the third series of Great Books.

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting and Sign-up

Students currently in 4th grade or who are 10 years of age and older may sign up to volunteer for the summer reading program at this mandatory 15-20 minute instructional meeting.

St. John365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/sj.htm

Sit & Stitch

May 1 & 15, Wed. from 6-8pm Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread for conversation and fun.

Stamp Class

May 6, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided. Payment is due at the time of class.

Moon Called Book Discussion

May 6, Mon. at 6:30pm We will discuss *God Save the Queen* by Kate Locke. Xandra Vardan, is a Royal Guard in the British Empire where the Aristocracy is made up of werewolves and vampires.

Page Turners Book Club

May 8, Wed. at 6:30pm Join us as we discuss *Folly Beach* by Dorothea Benton Frank. Learn how the present can mirror the past in this story filled with Southern charm. It tells the story of 2 couples living in South Carolina in two different eras.

Word Play!

May 13, Mon. from 1-3pm Scrabble anyone? Come join the F-U-N and spend the afternoon with fellow 'wordies.'

Garden Ponds

May 13, Mon. at 6pm Bernie Orelup from the Illiana Garden Pond Society will talk about garden ponds.

Big Screen Musical

May 21, Tues. at 1:30pm View *Daddy-Long-Legs* featuring Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron, a song-filled blend of dance, fantasy, and romance.

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search for more information on horticulture, landscaping, plant species, garden pests, herb gardening or choose your own garden related topic. Try these databases: *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *Science Reference eBooks* or *General Reference Center Gold*.

Just remember this...

Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes! (Author Unknown).

Submitted by
Deborah Walker, St. John Branch

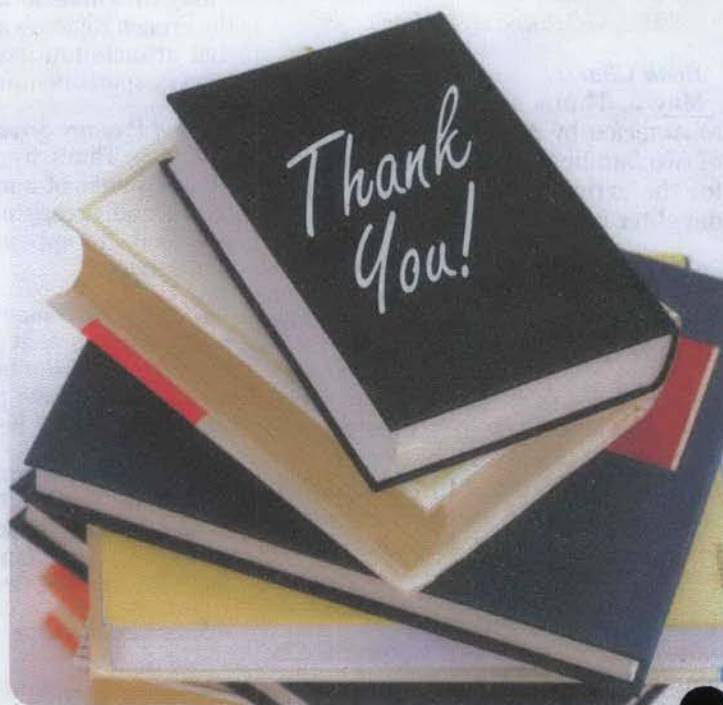
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Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children

Mondays through Saturdays, May 1 to 31 All Day

Children of all ages are welcome - every day, Monday through Saturday, when the Library is open to make a craft at the craft table in the Children's Department.



LEGO Club

Monday, May 13

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Teen Gaming Night

Wednesday, May 15

6 p.m.

Teens, 12 to 17, will enjoy getting together to play *Wii*, *PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Scrabble Fun

Wednesday, May 22

6:30 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 5th grade will meet to play a fun game of Scrabble. Family members are welcome to join in!



Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, May 28

4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29

6 p.m.

Tweens and teens, ages 11 (must be 11 by August 2013) through 17, who are interested in volunteering during the library's Summer Reading Program, must attend a Volunteer Meeting in order to sign up. A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign a permission slip at the meeting.



Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Skippy Jon Jones Fiesta

Wednesday, May 1

4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten or older are invited to a fiesta with Skippy Jon Jones. Participants will play games, enjoy a snack, and make pinch pots.

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, May 2

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

LEGO Building

Thursday, May 9

3-7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.



Family Craft Hour

Thursday, May 23

6:30 p.m.

This month we will be making fake flowers and our own pots. Attendees of all ages are welcome, but children under 6 may need parental assistance.



Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting and Sign-up Thursday, May 30

6:30 p.m.

Students currently in 4th grade or who are ten and older may sign up to be volunteers for our summer reading program. All volunteers must attend this brief (15-20 minutes) meeting. Afterwards, students may schedule their volunteer hours for the first two weeks of summer reading. Those who are unable to attend this meeting should contact Ms. Brittany **after** May 30th. Volunteer applications, signed by a parent, must be completed. Please have your summer schedule in mind when signing up.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

May Fiesta!

Thursday, May 2

4:30 p.m.

Children (Kindergarten to 5th grade) will celebrate Mexican heritage with stories, music and a craft. Please register.

Mother & Daughter Tea

Saturday, May 4

1-2:30 p.m.

Mothers & daughters will enjoy an afternoon of stories, a craft, tea and dessert. Please register for this children's program.

Teen Volunteer Training

Thurs., May 9, 16 & 30, Mon., May 13 & 20, Wed. May 29

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 & 18

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Tues., May 14 & 21, Thurs., May 16 & 23, Wed. May 29

5 p.m.

Volunteers (6th-12th grade) are needed to help make the summer reading program the best it can be. Earn volunteer hours while having fun! Teens and a parent must attend one informational meeting. Please bring your library card.

Crafty Kids Club

Tuesday, May 14

4:30 p.m.

Every month, young artists (K - 5th grade) will explore different ways to create art. Please register.



Amazing LEGO

Tuesday, May 21

4:30 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts (kindergarten to grade 5) are encouraged to use their imagination as they make LEGO creations with the library's LEGO blocks.



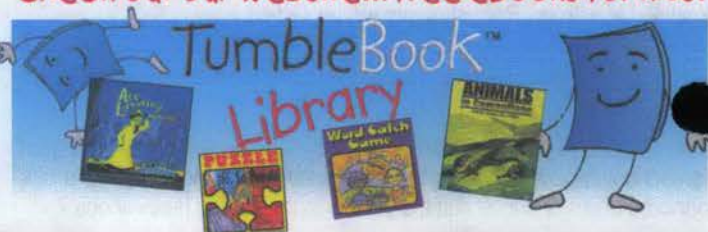
Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday, May 22

6 p.m.

Bring a stuffed animal to this special event. Children and their families will listen to stories and leave their stuffed animal with us for a sleepover. Families are invited back on Thursday after 12:00 pm to see the fun things the stuffed animals did at the library overnight! Please register.

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids!



Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

LEGO Mania

Monday, May 20

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

3:30 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, May 23

Fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run and then join us next month. This month we will be discussing *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier.

6:30 p.m.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion - Graphic Novels

Wednesday, May 1

3:45 p.m.

Let's talk about Graphic Novels! We will be reading *Amulet*, the story of a family that moved to their ancestral home to start a new life. The house is mysterious and the mother is kidnapped! Her children, Em and Navin, are on a mission to save their mother's life! You may bring your favorite graphic novel to talk about, too! Copies of *Amulet* will be available at the circulation desk. **Registration is not required.**

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 15

3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. **Registration is not required.**

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 or Thursday, May 30

7 p.m.

Youth desiring to work as Summer Reading Volunteers must attend one of the 2 mandatory volunteer meetings. Parents are encouraged to attend. During the one hour presentation they will learn the basic job requirements, fill out applications and permission slips and have the opportunity to sign up for their first shift. Youth unable to attend either of the meetings must make alternative arrangements with children's staff before the meeting. **Registration is not required.**

ASL Story time

Saturday, May 25

American Sign Language provides a story time for hearing impaired children and their families.

2 p.m.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

School Age Program: The Civil War

Thursday, May 2

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will learn about the Civil War and make a Civil War craft. If any child is a Civil War buff, they are welcome to bring artifacts they may have at home or to share their knowledge with us. Refreshments will be served.

A Fancy Nancy Tea Party!

Thursday, May 4

10 a.m.

Families are invited to join us for a *Fancy Nancy Tea Party*! Children (preschool through school age) should wear something fancy like a princess dress or prince outfit, a tiara, a fancy boa, or fancy shoes -

whatever they like! *Fancy Nancy* books will be read. Children will make a *Fancy Nancy* craft and enjoy some *Fancy Nancy* refreshments!

Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Monday, May 6

6 p.m.

The whole family is invited to the library for a Cinco De Mayo celebration. We will be having walking tacos, making chili pepper pinatas, and playing games. Please be sure to register.

LEGO Night

Tuesday, May 7

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) in this one hour program, will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

Evening Pajama Movie

Tuesday, May 21

6 p.m.

For this Evening Movie, *Rise of the Guardians*, rated PG, 97 minutes, children are invited to wear their pajamas, bring their sleeping bag, pillow, and a stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Teen Gaming

Tuesday, May 28

4 p.m.

Teens and 'twens (grade 4 and up) are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.



Volunteer

Summer Reading Tween & Teen Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, May 28

6 p.m.

'Twens and Teens (completed grades 4 and up) will learn about and sign up for volunteering during the *Summer Reading* programs. One of their parents must also attend the meeting. Some of the summer reading volunteer tasks are working the summer reading table and helping out with the children's reading programs.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lenc.htm

'Tween Time

Wednesday, May 1

6 p.m.

Children age 10 - 12 years are invited to challenge each other to a game of *Scrabble*.

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, May 10

11 a.m.

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Thumbprint Flowers

Wednesday, May 15

6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten and up will make thumbprint flowers and hear a story.

May

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Children's Programs



Happy Mother's Day!

Storytimes

Birth-23 months

and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.
or 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

1st Monday 10:30 a.m.
1st Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Wed. 10:30 a.m.

John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.,
or 1:30 p.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd Monday 11:15 a.m.
2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
2nd Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd Monday 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

1st Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 1st Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Cactus Collage

Wednesday, May 8

4:30 p.m.

Journey to the West in this program for children in kindergarten and up. We will hear a 'wild west' story and then make a cactus collage. Preregistration required.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

LEGO Mania

Thursday, May 2

4:30 p.m.

Children will make and display their own Lego creations made with library LEGO bricks! All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

Snack & Plan

Monday, May 6

4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, & those wishing to join will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, and plan programs for teens & younger kids, along with other volunteer activities. For teens 12 & older.



Teen Game Fest

Friday, May 10 & Wednesday, May 29

3 p.m.

Teens 11 and older play games of their choice, including PlayStation & Wii, as well as compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks will be provided.

Celebrating Mom Craft Day

Saturday, May 11

10 a.m.

Children of all ages will create gifts for Mom or another special adult. We will also make a special treat.

U-Pick Sensational Snacks & Crafts

Tuesday, May 14 & Wednesday, May 15

4 p.m.

Teens 11 and older: Rubber band art, tie dye, t-shirt reconstruction, clay (edible & non), duct tape and more are your crafting choices. Make your own deep fried junk food—or something healthier, too! Bring your own t-shirt to reconstruct. All other supplies will be provided.

Reader Leader with Bailey & Piper, The Therapy Dogs

Tuesday, May 21

4:30 p.m.

Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities, games and crafts. Children will also have an opportunity to read with Bailey or Piper, who are licensed therapy dogs.

On Top of Spaghetti

Thursday, May 23

4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will test their building skills using spaghetti and marshmallows. They will also enjoy stories and a snack.

Super Scrabble Saturday

Saturday, May 25

10 a.m.

Children and families are invited to play Scrabble at the library. All supplies and snacks will be provided.



Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, May 30

3 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Students ages 11 to 17 who want to help with the children's summer reading program should plan to attend this meeting. Learn the duties of a volunteer and sign up for hours. Volunteers will get an application, which must be signed by their parents. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

LEGO Club

Wednesday, May 8

6:30 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the Library's LEGO bricks.

Dynamite Duplos

Thursday, May 9

10:30 a.m.

This is a 30 minute program for 2-5 year old children, with a caregiver, and includes simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

Family Storyhour

Thursday, May 9

6:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-7 are invited to this one hour program filled with stories, songs, activities, a short film, and a craft.



Power Paws for Kids

Saturday, May 11

10 a.m.

Children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. All ages welcome. Registration is not required.

Summer Reading Youth Volunteer Meeting

Saturday, May 18

10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21 or Thursday, May 23

6:30 p.m.

Students, age 11 and up, interested in participating in our summer reading youth volunteer program must attend one of the volunteer meetings. There will be a chance to sign up for the first three dates. Parents do not need to be present but applications need to be signed by a parent before volunteering can begin.

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825 www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, May 2

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble—you are sure to increase your vocabulary.



Paper, Stamps & Ink

Saturday, May 11

11 a.m.

Paper, Stamps & Ink, an adventure into paper creation for the young at heart is a new program for children in kindergarten and up. There is a \$5.00 fee for the materials that will be used.

Hot Dog Racers

Tuesday, May 14

3:30 p.m.

Children, kindergarten to grade 6, will turn a hot dog bun into a race car and after the best creation is picked by the participants, we use them to eat hot dogs.

LEGO Mania

Monday, April 15

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

3:30 p.m.

Weather Birds

Tuesday, April 16

Children in kindergarten to grade 6, will make a unique banner featuring a bird to use for weather watching, which is a fun project to make and more fun to share the clever weather sayings.

3:30 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, April 25

Teens that are fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run and then join us next month. We will review *The Walking Dead*: Book One created by Robert Kirkman.

6:30 p.m.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394 www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Family Craft Night

Thursday, April 4

Families with school age children will listen to a story and make a related craft to take home. Parents must accompany children to this program.

6:30 p.m.

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 3

In *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, a 13 year old spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother.

3:45 p.m.

Family Story Hour

Tuesday, April 9 & 23

Families and their children, 3 to 7 years old, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music and other early literacy activities.

6:30 p.m.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, April 10

School age children are invited to build with the library's LEGO building blocks. Parents of children in kindergarten to 2nd grade should plan to stay in the room with their child. Each month we have a 'challenge' building theme. At every meeting children may bring a construction from home to talk about during the 'show and tell' part of the program. At the end of the program, current constructions are displayed in the library until the next meeting. We happily accept donations of LEGOs to add to our collection.

3:30 p.m.

Teen Movie

Saturday, April 13

Teens are invited to watch the movie *Brave*, have some snacks, popcorn, and FUN! Registration is not required.

2 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 17

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Registration is not required.

3:45 p.m.

ASL Story time

Saturday, April 27

The American Sign Language story time is provided for hearing impaired children and their families.

2 p.m.

Teen Computer Break it & Make it

Saturday, April 27

Join us as we continue taking apart old computers and making crafts from recycled parts. In addition, we will learn how to use our tools properly!! Snacks included. Registration is helpful but not required.

2-4 p.m.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243 www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Name Our Deer Drawing!

April 1 to 30

All Day

We are having a *Name Our Deer* drawing. We will have entry slips next to a box where children can place an entry of what they think our female deer's name should be. At the end of April, we will draw a name. The winner will receive a prize.

LEGO Night

Tuesday, April 2

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) in this one hour program, will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

An Earth Day Celebration!

Thursday, April 4

6 p.m.

In this program, school age children (kindergarten to grade 6), will celebrate Earth Day through stories, facts about the Earth, ecology, and how we can care for our planet. We will have fun making a recycled craft out of materials we have at the library and materials children bring from home, such as pop-tops, plastic containers, etc. Earth Day cake and lemonade will be served.

Egg Hunt

Monday, April 8

6-8 p.m.

The whole family is invited to come to the library for an egg hunt and a party. Food will be served and games will be played. Come join us, you don't want to miss it!

National Library Week: Create an Original Work of Art

April 15 to 20

All Day

In honor of *National Library Week* all artists out there are invited to submit an original work of art that has to do with Reading! The artwork can be a drawing, painting, collage, or photo, no larger than 22" x 34". All submissions will be showcased around the library so patrons can vote on their favorites. The top three winners will win a prize and their art work will be featured in the library.

Teen Movie Saturday

Saturday, April 14

Noon

Teens will view *The Goonies*, a thrilling underground adventure filled with humor and heart-pounding peril. Popcorn, cookies, and lemonade will be served.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class: Candy

Monday, April 15

6 p.m.

In this simple, easy, cooking class teens and adults will be making homemade Milky Ways, Turtles, and Oreo Balls. There will be taste testing of the end product and recipes will be given out.

Evening Movie

Tuesday, April 16

5 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for the movie *Wreck It Ralph*, rated PG, 101 minutes, c2012. Children can wear their pajamas and bring their sleeping gear and stuffed animals. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Teen Poetry Night

Thursday, April 18

6 p.m.

To celebrate National Poetry month, teens are invited to a poetry night. We will make book spine poetry, decorate notebooks and pencils, and participate in other poetry projects.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Saturday, April 20

10 a.m.-Noon

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play *Scrabble* at the library. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Teen Gaming

Tuesday, April 23

4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 4 and up) are invited to play video games on the Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405
962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/linc.htm

'Tween Time

Wednesday, April 10

6 p.m.

Twins age 10 - 12 years will make lollipop flowers.

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, April 12

11am-1:30 p.m.

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Greyt Readers

Wednesday, April 17

6 p.m.

Read to the Dogs! Greyhounds will listen to the stories you read aloud to them. American Greyhound will provide the dogs. <http://americangreyhound.org>.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children

April 1 to 30

All Day

Children of all ages are welcome - every day, Monday through Saturday, when the Library is open - to make a craft at the craft table in the Children's Department.

LEGO Club

Monday, April 8

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!



Homeschoolers' Idea Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

2 p.m.

Calling all Homeschoolers- We would like to design monthly programming especially for you in this brainstorming meeting to discuss topic ideas. Children are welcome to attend and fun activities will be provided for them.

Board Game Fun

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 p.m.

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play Scrabble and other fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in and who knows... maybe a tournament can get started!

Celebrating National Library Week

April 15 to 20

All Day

To celebrate *National Library Week* and the new Children's Services Department, special activities have been planned for children and their families. The children may pick up a passport at the desk in the department, search for Louie the Bookworm, and have their passports stamped with an image of Louie. They may enter the 'Name the Bear' and 'What I Like About the Library' contests. Winners will be notified the following week.

Celebrate Your Library!

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 p.m.

A special Family Story Time will be presented in our new Children's Programming Room.

Teen Gaming Night

Wednesday, April 24

6 p.m.

Teens, 12-17 years of age, are invited to get together to play Wii, PlayStation 2, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Multicultural Tales and Treats

Thursday, April 25

4 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will hear folk tales from many countries, make a craft, and sample treats from several cultures.

Just for 'Twins

Tuesday, April 30

4 p.m.

'Twins are special! 'Twins are children between the ages of 10 and 12 years old and this program is just for them. Join us for stories about spring fever and use your hands and your feet to make a little white duck craft to take home.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Wednesday, April 3

4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten or older are invited to dress in their wackiest attire or as their favorite story character for a Mad Hatter tea party. Participants will enjoy juice and cookies as we explore wacky stories and games.

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, April 4

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

LEGO Building

Thursday, April 11

3-7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 and 7 p.m. for some creative building with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks and then share their creations with the group.

Family Craft Hour

Thursday, April 25

6:30 p.m.

Attendees of all ages are welcome to craft wind chimes. (Children under 6 need parental assistance.)

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379 www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Be a Superhero!

Thursday, April 4

4:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will listen to stories about superheroes, play games, and make their own superhero outfit.

Crafty Kids Club

Tuesday, April 9

4:30 p.m.

Every month, young artists (kindergarten to 5th grade) will explore different ways to create art.



Amazing LEGO

Tuesday, April 16

4:30 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts (kindergarten to grade 5) are encouraged to use their imagination as they build LEGO structures with the library's LEGO blocks.



Celebrate Nature!

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 p.m.

Children and their families will celebrate nature by listening to a story, learn ways to help our environment, and make a craft.

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids!



Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

JUNE

Library Happenings

Every **CHILD**
Ready to **READ**
at your library

Summer, Reading & the Library: Helping Your Child Get Ready to Learn to Read

It makes sense and research shows it, too. The more children experience fun shared reading, the more they will want to learn to read. And when children want to learn to read, they usually become successful readers. Summer is the perfect time to pick out new & favorite books from the library to share with your child. Include some nonfiction titles also. The summer reading theme this year is 'Dig Into Reading'. Try some books about dinosaurs—or burrowing animals—or creepy crawlies. Enjoy weekly library programs, too! Your child will have great reading experiences while learning important early literacy skills. Until the end of July children also win prizes for reading—and being read to! Encourage your child to retell favorite stories—use puppets she makes or stuffed animals. Your child might draw pictures of a story and tell it that way, too. Reading to your child is the most important activity you can do to help him or her get ready to learn to read. Talking about the books and stories and retelling them helps your child enjoy books even more. It also teaches Narrative Skills, which includes remembering a story and its sequence.

Summer, reading, and the library. It all goes together. It's fun, and one of the best ways to help your child get ready to learn to read!

Summer Reading Programs, there's one for you!



Children will catch gold fever while panning for gold, walk like an Egyptian, dig for dinosaur bones and learn about animals that burrow while participating in this year's Summer Reading Program, "Dig Into Reading @ Your Library". Participating in the Summer Reading Program is a great way to help preschoolers develop early literacy skills and school-agers to sharpen their reading skills while earning prizes. Children will earn a prize for every 10 books read. Toddlers and pre-readers, ages 2-5 will earn prizes when they are read to by parents, caregivers, and older siblings. Reading magazines, graphic novels, ebooks, and listening to audio books will also count towards earning prizes.

There will be weekly themed programs for story time, school-aged children, and families. Each branch of the Lake County Public Library will have its programs listed in a printed calendar format for parent convenience. Our lap-sit program, Mother Goose on the Loose will be offered as part of our summer programming. Ronald McDonald, Clifford, Silly Safari, the Enviromobile and Kip Walton from the Lakeshore National Park will be visiting some of our branches this summer. Programs tend to fill up quickly. Pre-registration is greatly encouraged and a Lake County Public Library card is required to register for individual programs. Register for programs at <http://www.lcpln.org>.

What's 'Beneath the Surface' this summer?—it's **Summer Reading Fun For Teens**. Summer reading is just around the corner—and it's not just for kids anymore! Everyone can win prizes for reading. Teens may think they're losing out as they get older—no more guaranteed prizes for reading. But the good news is that the prizes are much better! And the chances of winning one are still very good. Teens, 11 and older, can submit one entry for every 100 pages, magazine, book, or audio book they read. So summer's the time to start working on that 700 page book you've been eyeing—that's a lot of entries for one book! Tackle school required reading early—and earn chances to win prizes! Weekly prizes include gift cards and books with a grand prize of a back pack full of prizes—and a gift card.

Several locations will have weekly events for teens, along with ongoing games and crafts. Some of the programs that are 'surfacing' this summer at various branches include rock art, fossils, subway art, blogs, cartouche pendants, time capsules, t-shirt art, murals, hobbits, gaming, mystery dinner theater, book programs and discussions, beginning genealogy, card making, weird science, movies, radio play, and creating an underground railroad podcast. Check out your local branch for details. Or just go to the library homepage at www.lcpln.org and click on 'Events'!

Library summer reading programs depend on teen volunteers for their success. So check out your local branch for volunteering opportunities. Volunteer, play, create, craft, and...read to win this summer @ the library!

Adults!!! Children aren't the only people who have reason to be excited about visiting the library this summer. Adults, too, may read for a chance to win prizes! Those who check

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STAFF RECOMMENDS



Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore

by Robin Sloan

Out of desperation, unemployed Clay Jannon takes the clerk job at Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour book store. Only a handful of customers enter the store and they rarely buy books. They borrow the obscure titles that Clay locates and retrieves from Penumbra's dioxinly tall bookshelves and then return them. Clay's convinced the store is a front for some other activity and enlists his friend's help to solve the puzzle, embarking them on an adventure that encompasses books, secret societies, science, faith, passion, the acquisition of knowledge, and possible something much, much larger.

CR/GCT

The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society

by Darien Gee

A great story about friendship and heartache.

LC/LSNC

The Map OfTime

by Felix J. Palma

London at the end of the 1800's. H.G. Wells has published *The Time Machine*. The novel sparks a huge scientific endeavor to make time travel possible – and one man succeeds and proceeds to monetize the process outrageously. Meanwhile, there's a lovesick young gentleman pining for his one true love (who, unfortunately, is a lady of the night), and Wells himself gets pulled into the drama. Quirky, engaging and just unpredictable enough to be wonderful.

RJ/TMS

A Reliable Wife

by Robert Goolrick

Rural Wisconsin, 1907, in the bitter cold, Ralph Truitt stands alone on the train platform anxiously awaiting the arrival of a visitor. The woman who arrives is not who he expects. This woman, this reliable wife, will decide whether Ralph Truitt lives or dies. A haunting story that takes you on a wild ride...

DL/REF

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake 374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Subway Art

June 4 & 5, Tues. at 4 pm

Teens can create graffiti-like art inside and out and on the computer. All materials provided.

Blog Show & Tell

Wednesday, June 5 at 1 pm

Teens can create a blog or demonstrate one they have. Space is limited. Please be sure to sign up.

Design Your Own T-Shirt

June 10, Mon. & June 11, Tues. at 4 pm

Teens will create their own custom designed t-shirt. Bring a t-shirt; all other supplies provided.

History on Film

June 11, Tues. at 2 pm

Enjoy a spellbinding journey to eight of the world's most magnificent man-made creations.

Teen Film Fest

June 14, Fri. from 1 to 4 pm

Teens will enjoy feature movies with a 'Beneath the Surface' feel on the library's big screen in the library's comfy chairs. Movie snacks served.

Underground Art & More

Monday, June 17 to 22

All week long create murals and cave-type paintings. Materials will be on hand.

Books & Chat

June 19, Wed. at 6:30 pm

Readers will discuss *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls.

Mystery Dinner Theater

June 20, Thurs. at 4 pm

Teens will gather clues, play parts, and solve the mystery. Pizza and drinks served.

Travel the World without

Leaving Home: Cuba June 25, Tues. at 2 pm

Cuba is the pearl of the Caribbean Sea with plenty of palaces, mansions, cathedrals, strong forts, and shady alleys.

Dyer/Schererville 322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Computer Training Program:

Navigating the Net

June 3 or 10, Mon. or June 6

Thurs. from 1:30-4:30 pm

Explore web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Class is limited to 7 people.

Independent Film

June 3, Mon. at 1 pm

If I Want to Whistle, I Whistle is not rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In Romanian with English subtitles [cc] Running time: 94 minutes

Stamp Class

June 11, Tues. at 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Computer Training Program: Open Office

June 14, Fri. from 2:30-5 pm

Learn to use some of the features of the free slide presentations and spreadsheet available in Open Office. Class is limited to 7 people.

Computer Training Program: Cat-a-log

Care, Taming the Library Catalog

June 17, Mon. from 1:30-4:30 pm

Learn how to search the library catalog, access your patron record, request materials, and make lists of materials for your personal use. Class is limited to 7 people.

Virtual Tourist

June 19, Wed. at 7 pm

Journey to Nepal in this dvd presentation of the 1,000 Places To See Before You Die, Collection.

Between the Lines

June 26, Wed. at 7 pm or

June 27, Thurs. at 10:15 am

In this non-fiction account, war, hardship, and tragedy follow a family as they fight to hold on to the children, land, and sanity. Join us as we discuss *Cocktail Hour under the Tree of Forgetfulness* by Alexandra Fuller.

Griffith-Calumet Twp ... 838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations

June 4, Tues. at 1 pm and/or

June 18, Tues. at 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee that covers materials and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group

June 4, Tues. at 5:30 pm or

June 5, Wed. at 10:30 am

Read and discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker, a story that follows Julia as she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion.

Branch Library Happenings

Thursday Threaders

June 6, 13, 20 & 27, Thurs.
from 10:30 am -1:30 pm

Any or every Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Teens & Genealogy

June 6, Thurs at 2 pm

Young adults, 11 to 15 years of age, will learn about genealogy as they begin a family tree.

Family Scrabble Night

June 6, Thurs. at 6 pm

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble - you are sure to increase your vocabulary.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

June 10, Mon. at 1 pm

Read and discuss Alice LaPlante's *Turn of Mind*, a literary thriller about a retired orthopedic surgeon suffering from dementia and accused of killing her best friend.

Teens Salute the Hunger Games

June 13, Thurs. at 2 pm

Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will salute the *Hunger Games* series with fun activities including target practice.

Movie Wednesday

June 19, Wed. at 2 pm

Join us in watching *Robot & Frank*, a funny and charming 85-minute film starring Frank Langella and Susan Sarandon.

Teens Prepare a Radio Show

June 24, Mon. at 1:30 pm

Young adult, ages 11-15, will listen to an episode of *Jack Armstrong: All American Boy*, and get a chance to read a script to decide if they would like to present this show to the public in July.

Book Buddies

June 24, Mon. at 4 pm

Read and discuss *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon, a novel about a developmentally disabled woman and a deaf man who find love and overcome obstacles.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

June 27, Thurs. at 6:30pm

If you enjoy Graphic Novels come and join us. This month teens will discuss *Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood* by Tony Lee.

Highland838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film

June 3, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30 pm

Tunnels takes a look at ancient Roman tunnels, as well as modern underground passageways.

Teen Book Discussion

June 5, Wed. at 3:45 pm

Young adults at the Highland Branch are reading *Gingersnap* by Patricia Reilly Giff, a story about an orphaned brother and sister living with great courage.

Teen Time Capsules

June 10, Mon. at 5 pm

Teens will make their own time capsule and bury it 'Beneath the Surface' with letters, pictures, newspaper articles, and lists of favorite things. Registration required.

Fiction Book Discussion - Caleb's Crossing

June 11, Tues. at 2 pm

Meet Bethia Mayfield in this novel of pioneers and Puritans. Author Geraldine Brooks delves into the world of secret friendships and Wampanoag life. Registration not required.

Travel Film

June 17, Mon. at 2 pm & 6:30 pm

Highlights of Hong Kong, the main center of Asian business and trade include Harbour City; the Jade market; the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Victoria's Peak and much more.

Teen Crafts Fossils, Magnets, & 'I Am' boards!

June 17, Mon. at 5 pm

Teens creatively craft fossils, magnets and "I Am" boards. Snacks and craft materials provided. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Board

June 19, Wed. at 3:45 pm

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for July 'Summer Reading' projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. Registration is not required.

Stamp Camp

June 19, Wed. at 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class.

Inspirational Book Discussion

June 20, Thurs. at 2 pm

What happens when two people who don't fit in anywhere are brought together and forced to look out for one another? Join us as we discuss, *Dandelion Summer* by Lisa Wingate.

Teen- 4H Science Program

June 20, Thurs. at 6 pm

What makes Nesquick quick and other interesting questions?

Gardening Program

June 20, Thurs. at 6:30 pm

Master Gardener, Susan Radovich will present a program on container gardening.

Classic Film

June 24, Mon. at 2 pm & 6 pm

Barbara Streisand and Seth Rogen are the perfect comedy duo as they set off on one mother of a road trip. Join us as we watch, *The Guilt Trip*.

Teen Movie

June 27, Thurs. at 12:30 pm

Refreshments, a good movie, and good company will make for a fun summer afternoon! See Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski in *Big Miracle*. Registration not required.

Mystery Book Discussion

June 27, Thurs. at 7 pm

Discovering a link between love, murder, and a twisted conspiracy, takes a Navajo tribal police sergeant on the heels of a fleeing Washington power broker. Join us as we discuss, *The Sinister Pig* by Tony Hillerman.

Hobart942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

June 1 to 30

To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog or pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Adult Learning Classes

June 3 to 20, Mon. to Thurs.

from Noon-4 pm or 4-8 pm

Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Call Lynn Pergher at Ext. 674.

Snack Break Tuesday's

June 4, 11, 18 & 25, Tues. Noon-2 pm

Enjoy some cold refreshing fruit water and a snack, sit in a comfy chair and relax while taking a break from the summer heat.

Travel to Australia and New Zealand

June 4, Tues. at 2 pm

Visit both Australia and New Zealand viewing more than 100 sites on the North and South Islands. Refreshments served.

Summer Reading Tween and

Teen Volunteer Meeting

June 6, Thurs. at 6 pm

"Twins and Teens (completed grades 4 and up) will learn about and sign up for volunteering during the Summer Reading programs. A parent must also attend the meeting.

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Branch Library Happenings

A Teen Harry Potter Movie Marathon June 8, Sat. from 9am to 4 pm

Join us throughout the summer as we show all eight Harry Potter movies. This week: *'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone'* and *'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.'* Refreshments served.

Crafter's Corner June 10, Mon. at 6 pm

We will be making Bleach Pen T-Shirts. Bring a solid color T-Shirt, remaining supplies will be provided.

Tuesdays with Movies June 11, Tues. at 2 pm

Lincoln starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Tommy Lee Jones chronicles the President's time in office between 1861 and 1865 as he dealt with personal demons and politics during the Civil War.

Summer Reading Kick Off Party Wednesday, June 12 - 2 pm

Start off the summer right with a party all around the library for families to play games, grab some food, and read books to get your reading card started.

Teen Hobbit Party June 13, Thurs. at 6 pm

Come celebrate *'The Hobbit'* and participate in hobbit games and trivia, make hobbit feet and enjoy hobbit related food.

Pancakes and Scrabble June 15, Sat. from 10 am-Noon

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class June 17, Mon. at 2 pm & 6 pm

In this simple, easy, cooking class adults and teens are invited to make picnic food: Antipasto Picnic Salad, Snicker's Caramel Apple Salad, and Layered Drinks. Taste the end product and get the recipes.

Who Picked this Book? June 18, Tues. at 10:30 am or June 19, Wed. at 6 pm

The month's pick, *The History of Love*, spans over 60 years and takes readers from Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe to present day. Refreshments will be served.

Fire Safety June 19, Wed. at 2 pm

Joshua Magner, Fire Prevention Director of the Hobart Fire Department, will provide a safety day for families.

Stamp Camp June 20, Thurs. at 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Teen Harry Potter Movie Marathon June 22, Sat. from 10 am to 4 pm

Today's films are *'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban'* and *'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.'* Refreshments served.

Teen Gaming Competition June 25, Tues. at 4 pm

Teens and 'twens (who have completed grade 4 and up) will play Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers on the Wii. Cookies and lemonade served.

Lake Station962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpln.org/branches/snc.htm

Volunteer Interviews June 5, Wed. at 6 pm, June 6, Thurs. at 2 pm, or June 7, Fri. at 10:30 am

Youth volunteer applications are available for interested youngsters. All applicants must complete a new volunteer form, have the form signed by their parent or legal guardian, have completed the 6th grade, and scheduled an interview.

Book Chat June 6, Thurs. at 10:30 am

June Bug by Chris Fabry will be discussed. Nine year old June Bug starts questioning her father after she sees a rendition picture of herself on missing child poster in Wal-Mart.

Family Nutrition Program June 14, Fri. at 11 am

The Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children demonstrating how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

One on One Computer Class June 18, Tues. at 10:30 am or 11:30 am

Adults can sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up free email accounts, or write a resume. Patrons must have a valid library card in good standing.

Merrillville.....769-3541

1919 W. 81st Ave., IN 46410
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

BOOKreMARKS Online

To join the monthlong, online discussion of *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information about

the online book discussions visit <http://www.lcpln.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm>.

English as a Second Language June 3 to, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30-8:30 pm

English classes are offered free of charge at a variety of levels to learn to speak, read, and write. Contact Rosella Garcia, Literacy Coordinator, at Ext. 336 if you have questions.

Paper Creations with Jolanda June 6, Thurs. at 1 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Friends of the Library Meeting June 11, Tues. at 1 pm

The board meeting of the Friends of Lake County Public Library Board is open to all members of the 'Friends' or those interested in joining. Ext. 317

Circle of Readers Book Discussion June 13, Thurs. at 6:15 pm

Readers will discuss *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett, a story of suspense as a band of gun wielding terrorists takes a party of powerful politicians, businessmen and entertainers hostage. **No registration required.**

Laugh for the Health of it! June 18, Tues. at 7 pm

A Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor will lead a unique exercise routine where anyone can laugh unconditionally to oxygenate the body, reduce stress, and change moods. No mats or yoga postures needed. Ext. 317

Gaming Night June 19, Wed. at 6 pm

Teens, 10-17 years of age, are invited to get together to play Wii, Playstation 2, and board games. Ext. 360

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting June 21, Fri. at 9 am

The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2013 reading initiative. Anyone in the 'Region' communities is welcome to the table! For more information, please contact Ext. 315.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease June 28, Fri. at 10 am

Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to Noon. Followed by an 'Advanced Issues & Strategies' session. Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Branch Library Happenings

Munster.....836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings

June 4, Tues. at 6:30 pm

View *The Vikings*, a Great Courses DVD lecture series. This month's topics include: 'Cnut the Great' and 'Collapse of Cnut's Empire.'

Teen Movie Night

June 6, Thurs. at 6 pm

'Twins and teens are invited to bring snacks to munch and view *National Treasure*, rated PG, 131 minutes running time, starring Nicholas Cage & Jon Voight.

Classic Hollywood Films

June 10, Mon. at 2 pm

Winner of ten Academy Awards, *West Side Story* features an unforgettable score and groundbreaking choreography against the backdrop of gang warfare in 1950's New York. Not rated; running time 152 minutes; [cc].

Independent Film

June 11, Tues. at 2 pm & 6:30 pm

An introverted yet sharp-witted teenager is sent to live with her dad, a homeless, infantile eccentric, in Israel. *Off White Lies* is in Hebrew with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only. Running time 89 min. [cc]

Gardening Program

June 12, Wed. at 6:30 pm

Master Gardener Victoria Jostes will discuss the benefits of incorporating native plants for attracting birds, bees, and butterflies.

Teen Movie Night

'Twins and teens are invited to bring snacks and view *Back to the Future*: rated PG-13 with a running time of 115 minutes, starring Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson.

Explore Netherlands

June 20, Thurs. at 2 pm & 7 pm

Rotterdam is Europe's busiest port. Watch as the most powerful tugboats in the world tow gargantuan container ships and tankers through the narrow channels of the hectic harbor. The Dutch have invented a whole new way of constructing homes: they float!

Teen Movie Night

June 20, Thurs. at 6 pm

'Twins and teens are invited to bring snacks and view *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*: rated PG with a running time of 90 minutes, starring Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter and George Carlin.

Blood Pressure Screening

June 27, Thurs. from 10 am-Noon

A medical representative provides free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration needed.**

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

June 27, Thurs. at 1:30 pm

Mennonite in a Little Black Dress by Rhoda Janzen is a hilarious and moving memoir about a woman who returns home to her close-knit Mennonite family after a personal crisis.

Teen Movie Night

June 27, Thurs. at 6 pm

'Twins and teens are invited to bring snacks and view *The Goonies* - rated PG with a running time of 111 minutes, starring Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, and Corey Feldman.

Great Books Discussion

June 27, Thurs. at 7 pm

Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Prince* by Machiavelli, a selection from the third series of Great Books.

St. John.....365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/sj.htm

Teen Volunteer Training

June 1 & 8, Sat. at 10 a.m. Or 1 pm,

June 4, Tues. at 5 pm, June 5, Wed. at 5 pm

Volunteers (6th-12th grade) are needed to help with the summer reading program. Teens and a parent must attend 1 informational meeting. Please bring your library card.

Stamp Class

June 3, Mon. at 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided. Payment is due at the time of class.

Moon Called Book Discussion

June 3, Mon. at 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss 'Angel's Ink' by Jocelyn Drake. Looking for a tattoo? Using extraordinary ingredients, Gage can fulfill any heart's desire.

Sit & Stitch

June 5 & 19, Wed. from 6-8pm

Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project & gather with others who have a common thread. Join us for conversation & fun.

Teen Crafts - Art With Heart

June 6, Thurs. at 6:30 pm

We'll make scarves out of old t-shirts. Bring an old solid color t-shirt to this program. The bigger the better!

Word Play!

June 10 & 24, Mon. at 1 pm

Scrabble Anyone? Come join the F-U-N and spend the afternoon with fellow wordies.

Master Gardener Program

June 10, Mon. at 6 pm

Master Gardener, Darryl Dorton will present 'The Wonderful World of Weeds, a Search and Destroy Mission.'

Page Turners Book Club

June 12, Wed. at 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss 'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' by Ransom Riggs, the story of a young man who feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off of the coast of Wales.

Teen Program - Old School Gaming!

June 12, Wed. at 6 pm and

June 26, Wed. at 1:00 pm

No matter what you call it, board games (Scrabble, Checkers, etc) are games of wit and sheer cleverness.

Teen Gaming Night

June 13, Thurs. at 6:30 pm

Join us for a competitive evening play: Wii and Guitar Hero!

Big Screen Musical

June 18, Tues. at 1:30 pm

Come watch 'High Society' featuring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Grace Kelly.

Teen Movie Matinee

June 19, Wed. at 1:30 pm

Teens are invited to a screening of 'The Avengers', rated PG-13. Refreshments provided.

Teen Crafts - Art with Heart

June 20, Thurs. at 6:30 pm

Want to make something awesome, with a bit of flair? We'll create masquerade masks.

GROUNDBREAKING READS

Continued from Pg 1 Summer Reading

out and read **Lake County Public Library** books, magazines, audio books, or eBooks may fill out an entry form for each item returned June 3 - July 27. All ten of the library's locations will draw names for weekly prizes. Winners will also be drawn at the end of the eight-week summer reading program for the grand prizes of a Sony eReader and a classic reading lamp, generously donated by Dekker Lighting of Schererville. The more you read and enter, the better your chances of winning. Visit any of our ten branches to learn more.

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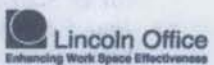
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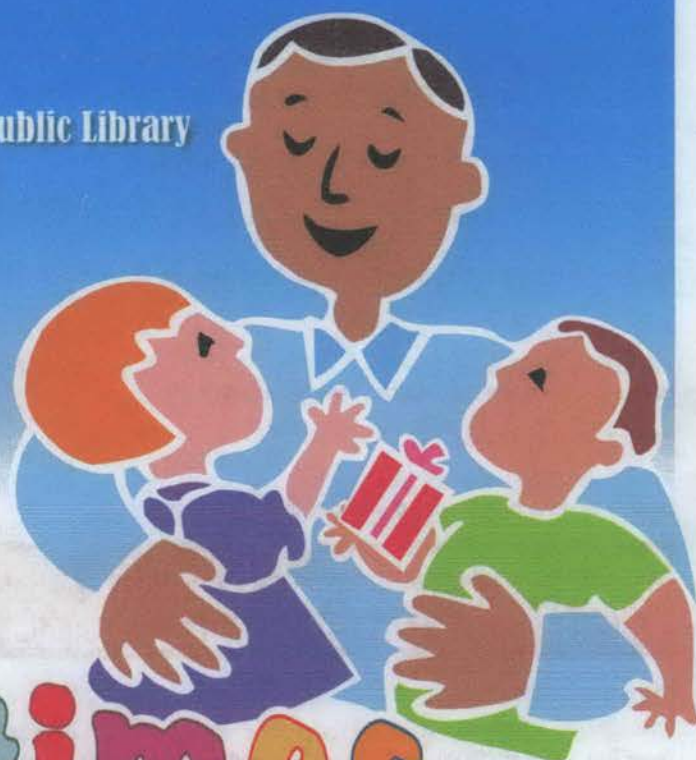
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Children's Programs

i love you Dad

Storytimes



Birth-23 months

and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.
or 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.
3rd Friday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st Friday 10:30 a.m.

John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd & 4th Wed. 10:15 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch:

3rd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 2nd & 3rd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.,
or 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
or 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd & 4th Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1st & 3rd Tuesday 2 p.m.

Highland Branch

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 3rd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

3rd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.
2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 2nd & 3rd & 4th Tues. 10:30 a.m.,
1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Dig into Ancient Egypt

Wednesday, June 12

2 p.m.

Come and join the fun as we explore Ancient Egypt in this craft hour.

Family Movie Fun

Monday, June 17

1 p.m.

Families are invited to bring a bag lunch and watch a movie.

Dig into Food

Wednesday, June 19

2 p.m.

Have some fun in this craft program centered around food.

Dig into Fossils

Wednesday, June 26

2 p.m.

Explore fossils and create one of your own in this program.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Subway Art

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 4 & 5

4 p.m.

Teens can create graffiti-like art inside and out--and on the computer. All materials and snacks provided.

Blog Show & Tell

Wednesday, June 5

1 p.m.

Teens can either create a blog or show off the one they have. Space is limited. Please be sure to sign up.

LEGO Mania

Thursday, June 6

4:30 p.m.

Children will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library LEGO bricks! All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

Design Your Own T-Shirt

Monday & Tuesday, June 10 & 11

4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens will use paints and markers to create their own custom designed t-shirt...or reconstruct it into something entirely different. Bring your own t-shirt; all other supplies and snacks will be provided.

Dig into Reading Fair

Wednesday, June 12

2 p.m.

Enjoy games and crafts throughout the library. Hunt for 'gold' too!

Teen Film Fest

Friday, June 14

1 to 4 p.m.

Enjoy feature movies with a 'Beneath the Surface' feel on the library's big screen in the library's comfy chairs. Movie snacks will be offered too!

Underground Art & More

Monday, June 17 to 22

All Day

All week long teens and 'tweens can create murals and cave-type paintings. Materials will be on hand all week long.

Clifford Puppet Fun

Wednesday, June 19

2 p.m.

Enjoy stories and activities with puppets and a visit from Clifford the Dog!!

Mystery Dinner Theater

Thursday, June 20

4 p.m.

Gather clues, play parts if you want, and solve the mystery. Pizza and pop offered too!

Digging Up Trouble Family Storytime Fun

Monday, June 24

6:30 p.m.

Enjoy and participate in stories about silly troublesome creatures. Some are magical, some are tricksters, and all are fun! Join in related activities, music, and art, too!

Dig into the Past

Wednesday, June 26

2 p.m.

School age children who have completed kindergarten through grade 5 will enjoy stories and activities about our planet's past, such as dinosaurs and ancient civilizations.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Fun Fair Open House

Wednesday, June 5

1 to 3 p.m.

Our 'Summer Reading' kick-off promises fun for children of all ages! There will be games, refreshments, face painting and more! Listen to stories in the children's program room so you can sign up for 'Summer Reading' and begin earning prizes! **Registration not required.**

Dynamite Duplos

Thursday, June 6

10:30 a.m.

This 30 minute program for 2 to 5 year old children, with a caregiver, includes simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Club

Thursday, June 6

2 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the Library's LEGO bricks.

Power Paws

Saturday, June 8

11 a.m.

Children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. All ages welcome. **Registration not required.**

Walk Like an Egyptian!

Thursday, June 13

10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m.

School age children (who have completed kindergarten and up) will walk like an Egyptian back to the days of pharaohs and pyramids and make a cartouche to take home.

Lunchtime Movie

Friday, June 14

Noon

Children, accompanied by an adult, are invited to bring a lunch (no red drinks, please) to this 82 minute, PG rated film. An action-filled drama with elements of humor, *Dinosaur*, focuses on the journey of a three-ton Iguanodon named Aladar, who is raised from the egg by a clan of lemurs and eventually reunited with his own kind.

Meet Clifford

Tuesday, June 18

2 p.m.

Clifford The Big Red Dog has turned 50! Come meet him and help celebrate his 50th birthday! Be sure to bring a camera and have your picture taken with Clifford, too! **Registration not required.**

Panning for Gold!

Thursday, June 20

10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m.

School age children, who have completed kindergarten and higher - Do you have gold fever? Pan for 'gold' and discover the 'rush' of excitement miners felt when they unearthed even the tiniest nugget! Warning: you may get dirty!! Please wear old clothes.

Walk Like an Egyptian

Tuesday, June 18

1:30 p.m.

School age children who have completed kindergarten and older will in this hour long program *Walk Like an Egyptian* through a presentation followed by a related activity.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 19

3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for July Summer Reading projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. **Registration is not required.**

Teen- 4H Science Program

Thursday, June 20

6 p.m.

What makes Nesquick quick and other interesting questions?

Brown Bag Movie

Friday, June 21

12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch and a beverage, we will provide the popcorn and movie. Parents must accompany children first grade age and younger. This week watch as the man in the yellow hat travels to Africa where he accidentally adopts an adorable chimpanzee named George. While George is surely cute, his curiosity has a tendency to get him into a series of predicaments in this endearing big-screen adaptation of the beloved books by Margaret E. Rey.



The Environmobile

Tuesday, June 25

1:30 p.m.

School age children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to the library for a 1 hour program for an introduction to the Environmobile that will be here teaching us how to make an edible landfill.

Teen Movie

Thursday, June 27

12:30 p.m.

Refreshments, a good movie, and good company will make for a fun summer afternoon! See Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski in *Big Miracle* the awesome, true story of a whale family trapped by ice in the Arctic Circle.

No registration required.



Brown Bag Movie

Friday, June 28

12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch and a beverage, we will provide the popcorn and movie. Parents must accompany children first grade age and younger. This week Billy accidentally challenges the school bully on the first day of school. In order to earn the respect of his new classmates, Billy accepts the cuisine-challenged dare of eating ten worms in one day.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243 www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

June 1 to 30

All Day

Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books from our book sale room anytime during library open hours. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

LEGO Night

Tuesday, June 4

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) in this one hour program, will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.



Summer Reading Tween & Teen Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, June 6

6 p.m.

'Twins and Teens (completed grades 4 and up) will learn about and sign up for volunteering during the Summer Reading programs. A parent must also attend the

meeting. Some of the Summer Reading volunteer tasks are working the Summer Reading table and helping out with Summer Reading programs.

A Teen Harry Potter Movie Marathon

Saturday, June 8

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us throughout the summer as we show all eight Harry Potter movies. This week enjoy 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone' and 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.' Refreshments will be served.

Summer Reading Kick Off Party

Wednesday, June 12

2 p.m.

Let's start off the summer right by having a party all around the library. Booth's will be set up all around the library for families to play games, grab some food, and read books to get your reading card started.

Homemade Chia Pets

Thursday, June 13

2 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 4) will create their own home-grown Chia Pet.

Teen Hobbit Party

Thursday, June 13

6 p.m.

Come celebrate 'The Hobbit' and participate in hobbit games and trivia, make hobbit feet and enjoy hobbit related food. Please register for this event.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Saturday, June 15

10 a.m. to Noon

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble at the library. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Evening Pajama Movie

Tuesday, June 18

6 p.m.

We will be showing the movie *Gnomeo & Juliet*. This c2011 movie is 84 min long and rated G. Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring their sleeping bag, a pillow, and a stuffed animal. We will serve popcorn & lemonade.



Fire Safety

Wednesday, June 19

2 p.m.

Joshua Magner, Fire Prevention Director of the Hobart Fire Department, will provide a safety day for families. He will read fire safety stories, give out fire safety tips, and hand out brochures to the parents. The Fire Department will also be donating books for our fire engine book display in the library.

Panning for Gold

Thursday, June 20

2 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 4) will learn about the history of digging for gold. They will pan for their own gold.

Teen Harry Potter Movie Marathon

Saturday, June 22

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us throughout the summer as we show all eight Harry Potter movies. This week enjoy 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' and 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.' Refreshments will be served. Please register for this event.

Teen Gaming Competition

Tuesday, June 25

4 p.m.

Teens and 'twins (who have completed grade 4 and up) are invited to a gaming competition. Teens will play *Mario Kart* and *Super Smash Brothers* on the *Wii*. Cookies and lemonade will be served.



Terrariums

Thursday, June 27

2 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 4) will learn about and make terrariums.

Dig that Funky Music!

Thursday, June 27

2 p.m.

School age children, who have completed kindergarten and higher, will play music trivia and make a simple musical instrument to take home!

Lunchtime Movie: Beauty and the Beast

Friday, June 28

Noon

Children, accompanied by an adult, are invited to bring a lunch (no red drinks, please) to this 84 minute, rated G Disney animated film. Follow the adventures of Belle, who finds herself imprisoned in the castle of a mysterious beast. With the assistance of the castle's enchanted staff, a delightful and tender romance develops between these two unlikely friends and Belle soon learns that true beauty comes from within.

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825 www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Teens and Tweens

Thursday, June 6

2 p.m.

Young adults, 11 to 15 years of age, will learn about genealogy and begin a family tree.

Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, June 6

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble - you are sure to increase your vocabulary.

Craft Club

Tuesday, June 11

2 p.m.

After hearing tales of buried treasure, children ages 6 to 10 will make a pirate treasure chest and gold and silver pieces of eight to fill it.

Teens and Tweens

Thursday, June 13

2 p.m.

Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will salute the *Hunger Games* series with fun activities including target practice.

LEGO Mania

Monday, June 17

2 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Ronald McDonald Magic Show

Thursday, June 20

1 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for this special magic show with Ronald McDonald as the magician!

Teens and Tweens

Monday, June 24

2 p.m.

Young adults, 11 to 15 years of age, who are curious about how radio shows worked can come in and listen to an episode of *Jack Armstrong: All American Boy*. After the show, those interested, will get a chance to read a script and decide if they would like to present this show to the public in July.

Craft Club

Tuesday, June 25

2 p.m.

Children, ages 6 to 10, will enjoy the book *The Glorious Flight Across the Channel* with Louis Bleriot. They will celebrate flight by making parachutes and helicopters using Leonardo da Vinci's designs. We will also make an edible bi-plane.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, June 27

6:30 p.m.

If you enjoy Graphic Novels come and join us. This month we will discuss *Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood* by Tony Lee.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394 www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Summer Reading Programs Open House

Tuesday, June 4

1 p.m.

The whole family is invited in for games, face painting, stories, refreshments and FUN as we begin the Summer Reading program. Our theme this year is *Dig into Reading*. Registration is not required.

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 5

3:45 p.m.

Young adults are reading *Gingersnap* by Patricia Reilly Giff. It's a story of an orphaned brother and sister that shows when you have faith in your dreams, you can change your life.

Brown Bag Movie

Friday, June 7

12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch and a beverage, we will provide the popcorn and movie. Parents must accompany children first grade age and younger. This week watch as Alice who sees a white rabbit and chases it into its burrow where a most bizarre series of adventures begins.

Teen Time Capsules

Monday, June 10

5 p.m.

Teens will make their own time capsule and bury it 'Beneath the Surface.' Letters to your future self; pictures and newspaper articles; letters from your family & friends; and lists of your favorite things are but a few of the items we will place in the time capsules. Imagine your excitement years from now when you dig it up!

Diggin into the Past

Tuesday, June 11

1:30 p.m.

School age children who have completed kindergarten and older in this hour long program will be *Diggin Into the Past* with an archeological dig and other activities.

Family Story Hour

Tuesday, June 11 & 25

6:30 p.m.

Families and their children, 3 to 7 years old, will enjoy *Diggin Dinos* and *In the Garden* through stories, finger plays, music and other early literacy activities.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, June 12 & 26

3:30 p.m.

School age children are invited to build with the library's LEGO blocks. Parents of children in kindergarten to 2nd grade should plan to stay with their child. Each month we have a 'challenge' building theme. Children may bring a construction from home to talk about during the 'show and tell' part of the program. Current constructions are displayed in the library until the next meeting. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Brown Bag Movie

Friday, June 14

12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch and a beverage, we will provide the popcorn and movie. Parents must accompany children first grade age and younger. This week garden gnomes, *Gnomeo and Juliet*, have as many obstacles to overcome as their quasi namesakes when they are caught up in a feud between neighbors. But with plastic pink flamingos and lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find lasting happiness?

Teen Crafts 'Fossils, Magnets, & 'I Am' boards!

Monday, June 17

5 p.m.

Creatively craft your unique hopes, dreams, talents and capabilities with art. These will be treasures you'll want to keep forever! Snacks and craft materials provided.

Highland Branch Continued on Pg. 4

Ronald McDonald Reading Adventure

Thursday, June 13

2 p.m.

It's Book Time with Ronald McDonald! Ronald will bring to life the concept of 'book time' - the time we set aside to read. In the show, Ronald McDonald shares his excitement for reading and introduces other good 'friends' - books. This program is limited to children who have completed kindergarten and older. Doors open at 1:45 and seating will be on the floor. Due to limited space, participants will be limited to the first 75 kids. **No registrations will be taken.**

LEGO Building

Thursday, June 13

3 to 7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 and 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

Summer Movie Break

Friday, June 14

2 p.m.

Families can take a break from the heat, bring snacks, and view *Land Before Time* - Rated G with a running time of 69 minutes. From the creators of *An American Tail* comes this enchanting animated family adventure that follows the journey of five young dinosaurs and their quest to reach 'The Great Valley.' This adventure is filled with laughter, excitement, and several life-threatening obstacles along the way.

Visit from the National Lake Shore

Thursday, June 20

2 p.m.

Do you know what is under your feet when you visit the beach? Ranger Kip Walton from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will visit with a 'guest' to discuss the flora and fauna found at the shore! Doors open at 1:45 and seating on the floor. Due to limited space, only the first 75 guests will be admitted. **No registrations will be taken.**

Summer Movie Break

Friday, June 21

2 p.m.

Families can take a break from the heat, bring snacks and view *A Bug's Life* - Rated G with a running time of 95 minutes. A misfit ant named Flik tries to save his colony from a greedy gang of grasshoppers in this computer-animated comedy. Faced with impending doom, he leads an oddball assortment of creepy crawlers from a flea circus against the menacing grasshoppers. The result is hilarious fun!

Summer Movie Break

Friday, June 28

2 p.m.

Families can take a break from the heat, bring snacks and view *Holes* - Rated PG with a running time of 117 minutes. Sigourney Weaver plays a warden at Camp Green Lake with an unusual method of discipline. The camp makes all of its wards dig large holes under the guise of building character. The real reason is a plan to find a buried treasure left in the desert long ago.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Teen Volunteer Training

Saturday, June 1 or 8

10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4 or Wednesday, June 5

5 p.m.

Volunteers (6th-12th grade) are needed to help make the summer reading program the best it can be. Earn volunteer hours while having fun. Teens and a parent must attend one informational meeting. Please bring your library card.

Who's Your Mummy?

Thursday, June 6

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will learn about ancient Egypt, play games and make a craft. Please register.

Teen Crafts - Art with Heart

Thursday, June 6

6:30 p.m.

Want to create something awesome, with a bit of flair? Teens will make scarves out of old t-shirts. Bring an old solid color t-shirt to this program. The bigger the better!

Dig into Ice Cream!

Monday, June 10

1:30 p.m.

Enjoy an ice cream treat while hearing some fun stories. Sign up for the summer reading program and have your face painted! Stories will be told at every half hour through 4 p.m.

Dino Story Time

Tuesday, June 11

10:30 a.m.

Children (4, 5 and 6 years old) will enjoy an hour filled with stories, finger plays, crafts or other activities.

Cave Painting

Tuesday, June 11

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will make a cave drawing and learn something new about art.

Animals Down Under

Wednesday, June 12

1:30 p.m.

Children and their families will listen to Park Ranger Kip Walton talk about animals that live underground. Children will also make a craft.

Teen Program - Old School Gaming!

Wednesday, June 12

6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

1 p.m.

No matter what you call it, board games (Scrabble, Checkers, etc) are games of wit and sheer cleverness.

Sticker Mania

Thursday, June 13

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will make pictures with bright and beautiful stickers.

Teen Gaming Night

Thursday, June 13

6:30 p.m.

Join us for a competitive evening play *Wii* and *Guitar Hero*!

A Visit with Clifford the Big Red Dog!

Monday, June 17

1:30 p.m.

Come listen to stories about storybook character Clifford and have your picture taken with him. Please bring your camera to this fun event!

Amazing LEGO

Tuesday, June 18

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

10:30 a.m.

Children (kindergarten to 5th grade) will make their own LEGO creations using the library's LEGO blocks!

Teen Movie Matinee

Wednesday, June 19

1:30 p.m.

Teens are invited to a screening of *The Avengers*, rated PG-13. Refreshments provided.

Dig Those Dogs

Thursday, June 20

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will read to service dogs and make a craft.

Teen Crafts - Art with Heart

Thursday, June 20

6:30 p.m.

Want to make something awesome, with a bit of flair? Teens will create masquerade masks.

Down on the Farm Family Story Time

Wednesday, June 26

6:30 p.m.

Children and their families will listen to stories about life on the farm and make a craft.

Picnic Movie Matinee

Thursday, June 27

1:30 p.m.

Bring a blanket and a brown bag lunch and enjoy the movie: *'The Emperor's New Groove.'* Cookies and drinks will be provided. This film is 75 minutes long and is rated G.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
 2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405
 962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/lanc.htm

Volunteer Interviews

Wednesday, June 5

Thursday, June 6

Friday, June 7

Youth Volunteers Volunteer applications are available for interested youth. All applicants must "complete a new volunteer form, "have the form signed by their parent or legal guardian, "have completed the 6th grade, "and scheduled an interview.



6 p.m.

2 p.m.

10:30 a.m.

Movie

Wednesday, June 12

Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 6 are welcomed to bring a snack and enjoy the movie *Holes*.



2 p.m.

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, June 14

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

11 a.m.

Bug Catchers

Wednesday, June 19

Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 6 will make bug catchers. Children must have an adult present to complete this project. Registration is required, space is limited. Only the child should register for the program.

2 p.m.

'Tween Time - Game Day!

Thursday, June 20

A variety of board games will be available for children age 10 - 12 years to play.

2 p.m.

Craft - Pet Rocks

Wednesday, June 26

Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 6 will make pet rocks. Participants must bring their own rock. Rocks should be hand sized. Rocks will not be provided.

2 p.m.

Greyt Readers

Wednesday, June 26

Read to the dogs! The dogs will listen to the books you read to them. Greyhounds will be provided by American Greyhound.

10 a.m.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children

Monday to Saturday, June 1 to 30

Children of all ages are welcome - every day, Monday through Saturday, during open hours to make a craft at the craft table in the Children's Department.

All Day

Board Game Fun!

Wednesday, June 5

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in!

6:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Kick-Off!

Thursday, June 6

Children from 2 to 12 years of age are invited to attend the Summer Reading Kick-Off! Many fun activities are planned to celebrate the beginning of the summer reading program - *Dig Into Reading!*

2 to 4 p.m.

Family Movie Day

Wednesday, June 12

The whole family is invited to Family Movie Day! Every Wednesday we will feature a new family movie! Today's feature is *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most*

Noon

Wanted. It is rated PG and has a running time of 93 minutes. Participants may bring snacks or lunch (no red or dark colored drinks, please) *Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

Ahoy Matey!

Thursday, June 13

Ahoy Matey! Buccaneers Wanted! Calling all pirates ages kindergarten through grade 5: dress up like a pirate and join us for an hour of pirate stories, games and a craft. Be here or be prepared to walk the plank!

4 p.m.

LEGO Club

Monday, June 17

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

4 p.m.

Family Movie Day!

Wednesday, June 19

Featured today is *Gnomeo and Juliet*: rated G, 84 minutes running time. Participants may bring snacks or lunch (no red or dark colored drinks, please). Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.

Noon

Gaming Night

Wednesday, June 19

Tweens and teens, 10-17 years of age, are invited to get together to play *Wii*, *Playstation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

6 p.m.

Worms Are Fun!

Thursday, June 20

Worms are fun! Worms eat our garbage! Eww gross! School age children in kindergarten through grade 5 will enjoy learning about worms in an hour full of worm fun and games.

4 p.m.

Family Movie Day!

Wednesday, June 26

Today's feature will be Disney's *Brave*: rated PG, 100 minutes running time. Participants may bring snacks or lunch (no red or dark colored drinks, please). Children under the age of 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.

Noon

Merrillville Fire Department

Thursday, June 27

Children of all ages are invited to visit with the Merrillville Fire Department! Participants will learn about fire safety, see fire trucks, and have a turn in the E.D.I.T.H. house.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

School Age Explorers

Wed., June 5, 12, 19 & 26 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten, and older, will use their imagination to 'dig into reading' with books, games and crafts.

Lunch Time Adventure

Thursday, June 6 & 27

Children, ages 7 and up, will dig into different topics while enjoying their own brown bag lunch.

12:30 p.m.

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, June 6

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

6 p.m.

Summer Movie Break

Friday, June 7

Families can take a break from the heat, bring snacks, and view *Secret of Nimh* - rated PG with a running time of 82 minutes. Timid Mrs. Brisby, a widowed field mouse, must summon the courage to defy man, beast, and nature in order to save her family. Based on Robert C. O'Brien's award-winning children's book, this film features music by Jerry Goldsmith and is filled with action, suspense, and humor.

2 p.m.

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JULY

Library Happenings

EveryCHILD
Ready to **READ**
@ your library*

Reading together with your children is the single most important way to help them get ready to read!

- Reading together, or shared reading, helps a child develop an appreciation for and love of reading and books. Children who have positive experiences with shared reading will be more motivated to learn to read. Research shows that children who are read to often are more likely to become better readers.

It's never too early to start reading with your child. Try these tips for sharing books with babies:

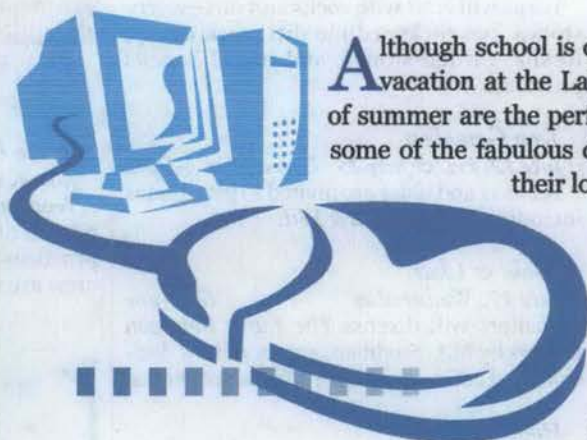
Snuggle and bond while sharing books. Your baby will associate reading with good feelings.

Point, name, and talk about pictures in the book. Babies learn words long before they can say them. Make sounds associated with the animals and objects in the books. Babies love hearing those it and it helps them learn about sounds in letters and words.

You can encourage your baby to 'talk' by asking questions about the book

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LET THE LEARNING CONTINUE...



Although school is out for the summer, learning never takes a vacation at the Lake County Public Library. These lazy days of summer are the perfect time for students of all ages to explore some of the fabulous databases and useful websites provided by their local library.

Where do you start? Answer: Your search begins by visiting the Lake County Public Library website (www.lcplin.org). On the home page there are a number of possible jumping off or entry points. The most obvious one is "Learn." By hovering over this word, you will find links to

databases and useful websites. Reference librarians have pre-selected and organized dozens of *Useful Websites* under such broad subject headings as Consumer Information, Health & Medicine, Jobs & Careers, Law, and U.S. Government Links, to name a few. Within these categories you will discover numerous sites that provide all sorts of information. For example, if you've been contemplating switching doctors, the following websites are just a click away: American Board of Medical Specialties, American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Select, or Doctor Directory.

Another way to launch your research begins by selecting *Databases* in the drop down window under "Learn." Here a smorgasbord of possibilities greet you. Browse databases grouped by subject areas or view the descriptions of individual databases before deciding which ones warrant further investigation. Resident library card holders also have the luxury of remote access for the majority of LCPL's databases. One of our newest database offerings, **Mango Languages**, is specifically designed to help you learn another language. Read more about **Mango Languages** in a separate article featured elsewhere in this issue of *Happenings*.

Teens and kids have their own exploration jumping off points on the Library's website home page. The drop down window under "Teens" includes special sites for college preparation and selection, career planning, and teen health. Under the "Kids" heading there are equally appealing sites. Scholastic BookFlix, TumbleBook Library, or Britannica SmartMath Practice are just a few of the interactive databases the library provides.

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STAFF RECOMMENDS



"The Central Park Five"

DVD 364.15 CENT

The story of "The Central Park Five" is probably one that most people have heard something about on the news... In 1989, a 28 year-old woman was raped and savagely beaten while jogging in a park. Five teenagers were arrested during this "wilding," as it was called then, and later convicted of the crime. The only actual evidence against them was their coerced confessions. Award-winning director, Ken Burns and his daughter brilliantly show through their film that racism is still alive and well in this country. All five of the teenagers, Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana, and Korey Wise, are interviewed. *If they were innocent, why would they confess to a crime they did not commit?*

"Everglades of the North"

DVD 333.9509 EVER

If you haven't been able to catch this film on PBS, this local documentary is one you simply must check out! "Everglades of the North" tells the story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh, which less than a century ago, was one of the largest wetlands in North America. It covered nearly a million acres in Northern Indiana and part of Illinois. The marsh was also home to some of the highest concentrations of wildlife on the planet. The film colorfully depicts our local history with gorgeous views of nature in action. Viewers will also be introduced to some interesting characters, both good and bad, who played a role in the marsh's history.

Do not skip the bonus features—they are just as good, if not better than the film itself!

"House of Cards" Season 1

DVD HOUS HC 2013

The Netflix original drama, "House of Cards" starring Kevin Spacey is as addicting as cotton candy at the county fair! Spacey plays Majority Whip, Francis Underwood, who will stop at nothing to become President of the United States. Our Government was supposedly created 'by the people' and 'for the people,' but this series will make you cringe as you realize the people the government is for is neither you nor I. Power corrupts is the theme here. Be prepared to audibly gasp as you watch, and also have sudden desires to overthrow those in charge.

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave, Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cl.htm

Crafts & More @ the Library!

July 1 to 31, Mon. to Sat.,

Daily All month long enjoy crafts and more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children.

Teen Film Fest

July 6, Saturday from 1-4:30 pm

Enjoy feature films with a 'Beneath the Surface' feel on the library's big screen in the library's comfy chairs.

Teens Rock On

July 8 & 9, Monday & Tuesday 4 pm

Teens will craft with rocks and dirt—worry stones, pet rocks, edible dirt, rock candy, fossils, garden stones, and more! Snacks provided.

Teen GameFest

July 12, Fri. & July 25, Thurs. from 3-5 pm

Teens 11 and older are invited to play games including PlayStation & Wii.

Books & Chat

July 17, Wednesday 6:30 pm

Readers will discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman, a story of how decisions and actions may have dire consequences.

Hobbit Party

July 18, Thursday 4 pm

Teens will travel to Middle Earth with games, music, crafts, and, of course, lots of food!

Travel the World without Leaving Home

July 23, Tuesday 2 pm

Enjoy arm chair travel visiting the many ports throughout Dubai and other parts of the United Arab Emirates.

We Were Here: Personal Time Capsules,

Fossils, Cartouche Pendants & More

July 22 & 23, Tues. & Wed. 4 pm

Teens will craft back and forward in time. Bring items to put into the time capsule and/or make some @ the library. Everything else, including snacks, provided.

Dyer/Schererville322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy, Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film

July 1, Monday

1 pm
Monster Thursday is not rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In Norwegian with English subtitles [cc] Running time: 103 minutes.

Stamp Class

July 9, Tuesday 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided to create customized greeting cards, due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourist

July 17, Wednesday 7 pm

Journey to Brazil, in this dvd presentation from the series, *1,000 Places To See Before You Die*, Collection 1.

Between The Lines

July 24, Wed. at 7 pm or

July 25, Thursday 10:15 am

Join us as we discuss *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh the story of a childhood spent in the foster-care system.

Griffith-Calumet Twp ...838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/gr.htm

Radio Play Practice

July 1, 8, 15 & 22, Monday 1:30 pm

Teens and 'tweens who would like to be a part in an old time radio play must attend practices. Speaking parts and a sound effects crew are needed.



July's Featured Database

Mango Languages

Point your web browser to <http://www.lcpl.in.org/learn/FindInfo/databases.html> and discover an easy way to learn over 40 different languages with **Mango Languages**. Simply create an account and start learning! After entering your library card number, users can create an account with an email address and password to keep track of their language lessons. There are even mobile apps for Apple and Android devices! **Mango Languages** uses "Intuitive Language Construction" and introduces vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture with each lesson. As you plan your summer vacation, plan on bringing your new language skills with you!

Branch Library Happenings

Paper Creations

July 2, Tues. at 1 pm or July 23 at 6:30 pm

Adults and teens will design personalized cards. The \$5 fee covers materials and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group

July 2, Tues. 5:30pm or July 3, Wed. 10:30 am

Read and discuss Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan, the tale of a store that is even more curious than its name suggests.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

July 8, Monday 1 pm

Read and discuss *The Vendetta Defense* by Lisa Scottoline, a satisfying mix of mischief, humor, action and legal analysis.

Thursday Threaders

July 11, 18 & 25, Thurs., 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Bicycle Maintenance and Repair

July 13, Saturday 10 am

Get tips from the experts on maintaining and doing basic repairs on your bicycle this summer. All ages welcome.

Movie Wednesday

July 17, Wednesday 2 pm

In *The Guilt Trip*, inventor Andy Brewster (Seth Rogen) is about to embark on the road trip of a lifetime with his mom (Barbra Streisand).

Teens and Tweens

July 18, Thursday 2 pm

Weird science day will include making a glow stick from Mountain Dew soda.

'Radio' Play Presentation

July 25, Thursday 2 pm

Teens and tweens will present the Radio play they have been rehearsing all month.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

July 25, Thursday 6:30 pm

If you enjoy Graphic Novels join us in discussing *The Hobbit*. Registration not required.

Book Buddies

July 29, Monday 4 pm

Read and discuss *If You Were Here* by Jen Lancaster, following the funny exploits of buying and renovating a home in the Chicago suburbs.

Highland838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film

July 1, Monday 2 pm & 6:30 pm

Robert Redford: *Hollywood Outlaw* is an intimate portrait exploring his early years of rebellion, his passion for set design that led to acting

and, his fierce determination to keep his private life private. Registration is not required.

Fiction Book Discussion

July 9, Tuesday 2 pm

Join us as we discuss the book *Bleeding Kansas* by Sara Paratesky. Registration not required.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

July 10, Wednesday 6:30 pm

Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov) presides over the Highland Community Crime Watch meeting. Registration not required.

Denim, Cans, Computers & the Ocean

July 11, Thursday Noon to 3:30 pm

Using our summer reading theme of 'Beneath the Surface,' teens focus on the oceans. Registration appreciated.

Travel Film

July 15, Monday 2 pm & 6:30 pm

Journey to Mallorca's colorful markets, a Middle Ages' monastery, fishing villages, and the world's largest lake in a cave. Registration not required.

Teen Advisory Board

July 17, Wednesday 3:45 pm

Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time formulating plans for upcoming projects. New members welcome. Registration not required.

Stamp Camp

July 17, Wednesday 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class to complete customized greeting cards.

Inspirational Book Discussion

July 18, Thursday 2 pm

The First Gardner by Denise Hildreth Jones reminds us that all of life is a gift, but our heart is the most precious of all. Registration not required.

Gardening Program

July 18, Thursday 6:30 pm

Lake County Master Gardener, Larry Anderson, will present a program on composting.

Classic Film

July 22, Monday 2 pm

The film, *Lincoln*, chronicles the President's time in office between 1861 and 1865 as he dealt with personal demons and politics during the Civil War. Registration not required.

Mystery Book Discussion

July 25, Thursday 7 pm

Join us as we discuss *No Mark Upon Her* by Deborah Crombie, a story describing a complex case involving political and ethical issues. Registration not required.

Teen Tech - The Underground Railroad Project

July 27, Saturday Noon to 4 pm

We will make a podcast for our Teen Blog after learning about the lives of some of the brave men and women who entered the Underground Railroad. Sound effects and snacks provided! Registration is appreciated!

Classic Film

July 29, Monday 2 pm & 6 pm

Flying Down to Rio is the first musical featuring Delores Del Rio and Gene Raymond, a tune-ful score with spectacular production numbers. Registration not required.

Hobart942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342

www.lcpln.org/branches/hob.htm

Snack Break Tuesday's

July 9, 16, & 23, Tuesday Noon to 2 pm

Enjoy some cold refreshing fruit water and a snack, while taking a relaxing break from the summer's heat in a comfy chair.

Tuesdays with Movies

July 9, Tuesday 2 pm

Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, *Les Misérables* is an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption. Registration not required.

Crafter's Corner

July 10, Wednesday 6 pm

Crafters will be make a clothespin picture wreath. Bring clothespins and all other materials will be provided.

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Ask a Librarian

Q: I recently moved into the area and I'm an old car enthusiast. I heard that Crown Point has something called "Car Cruise." Do you have access to more information about this?

A: The library has a community website and database called "LakeNET" which has a wealth of information on Northwest Indiana. You can find LakeNET on the library's site (lcpln.org) by going to "Learn" at the top of the page and dropping down to LakeNET. There is a search box on the left. To find information about Crown Point's car cruise, type in the keywords and then click on the result for the event.

Branch Library Happenings

Teen Shark Party July 11, Thursday

6 pm

Teens and 'tweens who have completed grade 4 and up are invited to a shark party with games, and cupcake and cookie decorating.

Harry Potter Movie Marathon

July 13 & 27, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

Join us for the remainder of the Harry Potter films to be shown on the library's cinematic screen this summer.

Simple, Easy, Cooking Class

July 15, Monday 2 pm & 6 pm

We will demonstrate three recipes you can make without having to turn on your stove or oven. The finished product will be taste tested and the recipes will be given out. Registration is necessary.

Who Picked this Book?

July 16, Tuesday 10:30 am, July 17, Wednesday 7 pm

We will be discussing *Arcadia Falls*, a suspense novel, by Allegra Goodman, a mesmerizing narrative of passion: for revenge, for art, for love. **Registration not required.**

Ice Cream Social

July 17, Wednesday 2 pm

All are invited to enjoy an Ice Cream Social. Please bring a topping to share.

Stamp Camp

July 18, Thursday 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Teens Craft with Duct Tape

July 18, Thursday 6 pm

Teens and 'tweens (who have completed grade 4 and up) will be making flowers and other items with duct tape.

Lake Station962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/lake.htm

One on One Computer Class

July 9, Tuesday 10:30 am or 11:30 am

Adults can sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up free email accounts, or write a resume. Patrons must have a valid library card in good standing.

Book Chat

July 11, Thursday 10:30 am

Discuss *Strength In What Remains* by Tracy Kidder, a true story of Deo who arrives from Burundi in search of a new life.

Family Nutrition Program

July 12, Friday 11 am

A Family Nutrition Adviser will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Health Services for Uninsured and Under-Insured Families

July 23, Tuesday 2 pm

Michelle Higel from NorthShore Health Centers will discuss a variety of options available for families without medical and dental insurance, and explain the Hoosier Healthwise's sliding scale fees.

Merrillville.....769-3541

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www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cnl.htm

BOOKreMARKS Online

July 1 to 31, Daily

To join the month-long book discussion of *Ordinary Heroes* by Scott Turow, available at anytime to anyone, anywhere, send an email to remarks@lcpl.in.org.

Featured Database: Mango Languages

July 1 to 31, Daily

Point your web browser to <http://www.lcpl.in.org/learn/FindInfo/databases.html> and discover an easy way to learn over 40 different languages with Mango Languages. Simply create an account and start learning!

Ask Me! I Work Here!

July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Mondays 1-4 pm

Library Staff will be at the Cafe Vending Area to answer questions. Bring your electronic toys, connect to the library's wireless and let's figure out the answer to your question!

LIVE! Mango Languages

July 1 to 29, Mondays 2 pm

See July's Featured Database LIVE in this 15-minute demonstration!

Circle of Readers

July 11, Thursday 6:15 pm

Readers will discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman, a powerful testament of courage during WWII.

Laugh for the Health of it!

July 16, Tuesday 7 pm

A Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor will lead a

unique exercise routine of unconditional laughter to oxygenate your body, reduce stress and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed.

Teen Gaming Night

July 17, Wednesday 6 pm

Teens, 12-17 years of age, are invited to get together to play Wii, PlayStation 2, and board games.

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting

July 19, Friday 9-11 am

The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2013 reading initiative. Anyone in the 'Region' communities is welcome to the table! For more information, please call ext. 315.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

July 26, Friday 11:30 am

Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to Noon followed by a session called "Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease." Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Munster.....836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/mu.htm

Classic Film

July 8, Monday 2 pm

A retired, acrophobic San Francisco detective investigates the strange activities of an old friend's much-younger wife in *Vertigo* directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Rated PG; running time 128 min; [cc].

Independent Film

July 9, Tuesday 2 pm & 6:30 pm

Teddy Bear is the story of a young man who unexpectedly meets the woman of his dreams. In Danish, Thai, and English with English subtitles; not rated; adults only; running time 96 min. [cc]

Gardening Program

July 10, Wednesday 6:30 pm

Master Gardener Dian Fruth will discuss how the animal kingdom pollinates about 2/3 of the plant species in the world.

Teen Movie Nights

July 11, 18 & 25, Thursday 6 pm

'Tweens and teens are invited to bring snacks and view *Jurassic Park: then The Mummy*; with the final Thursday's showing of *Weird Science*, all rated PG 13. Younger children are allowed with a parent. **Registration not required.**

Branch Library Happenings

Library Catalog Crash Course

July 16, Tuesday 12:30 pm

Learn to effectively search the library catalog, place holds on materials, renew materials online, and check your account.

Explore Mexico

July 18, Thursday 2 pm & 7 pm

The Royal Tour is a groundbreaking special that showcases Mexico through the eyes of its leader.

Meet the Mouse

July 22, Mon. or July 30, Tues. at 1:30 pm

Learn the basics of using the computer and how to utilize the 'mouse' effectively.

Navigating the Net

July 23, Tues. or July 31, Wed. at 1:30 pm

Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Blood Pressure Screening

July 25, Thursday from 10 am to Noon

A representative from Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings. No appointments or registration are needed.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

July 25, Thursday 1:30 pm

In Anne Tyler's latest novel, *The Beginner's Goodbye*, a middle-aged, crippled man finds a way of saying goodbye after the death of his wife.

Great Books Discussion

July 25, Thursday 7 pm

Readers are invited to a discourse of Tolstoy's *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, a selection from the third series of Great Books.

St. John.....365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/sj.htm

Moon Called Book Discussion

July 1, Monday 6:30 pm

Discuss 'Guilty Pleasure' by Laurell K. Hamilton, following the exploits of a young necromancer assigned to find out who is killing the city's vampires...and why.

Word Play! Scrabble Anyone?

July 8, Monday 1-3 pm

Come join the F-U-N and spend the afternoon with fellow Wordies.

Stamp Class

July 8, Monday 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided to create customized greeting cards, due at the time of class.

Old School Gaming for Teens

July 10 & 24, Wednesday 1-3 pm

No matter what you call them, board games (Scrabble, Checkers, etc) are games of wit and sheer cleverness.

Page Turners Book Club

July 10, Wednesday 6:30 pm

Discuss 'Shine, Shine, Shine' by Lydia Netzer. When an accident on a NASA space mission to the moon put's astronaut Maxon's life in peril, his pregnant wife's life also hangs in the balance.

Teen Crafts - Art with Heart

July 11 & 25, Thursday 6:30 pm

Create something awesome, with a bit of flair! We'll make scarves out of old t-shirts, dress up a pen and create a masquerade mask.

Big Screen Musical

July 16, Tuesday 1:30 pm

See 'Gypsy' featuring Rosalind Russell, Natalie Wood and Karl Malden in this Broadway hit about the life and times of burlesque dancer, Gypsy Rose Lee.

Teen Movie Matinee

July 17, Wednesday 2 pm

Join us for a screening of 'The Hunger Games', rated PG-13. Refreshments provided.

Sit & Stitch

July 17, Wednesday 6-8 pm

Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project & gather with others who have a common thread. Join us for conversation & fun.

Teen Gaming Night!

July 18, Thursday 6:30-8 pm

Join us for a competitive evening playing Wii and Guitar Hero!

EveryCHILD
Ready to READ
at your library

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or pictures and then imitating the responses. Babble with your baby! Always make reading fun. Spend lots of time with the pictures and books your baby loves. Put the book aside when your baby loses interest or seems tired. Try again another time.

The best books for babies have high contrast pictures. Board books that features clear pictures of things familiar to baby are great. Books that have repetitive phrases, sounds and rhythm are fun for baby and also help teach early literacy skills. Board books are best because babies love exploring with their mouths and at this age books are toys for them. Adapted from the Monroe County Public Library, <http://www.monroe.lib.in.us>.



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Don't forget the library catalog when doing your research (entry via the home page). Lake County Public Library is known for its outstanding collection of books (print, audio, and electronic), educational DVDs, and magazines, both print and downloadable (check out **Zinio**, one of our newest online collections).

And so begins your journey, whether you are an elementary school student or a seasoned student whose formal education is well behind you. Librarians are happy to help you discover the world of information at your fingertips. We offer basic computer classes and have handouts to help guide you through the research process. Please ask for assistance when you visit your local library, call the Reference Department, or email your questions to "Ask a Librarian." This web-based reference service helps libraries deliver reference services via e-mail. Ask us anything! Libraries know that learning never stops.

Some final words of warning . . . Be prepared to discover how much fun learning can actually be. Lake County Public Library may quickly become your new best friend!

Linda Dunn Munster Branch Manager

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Foundation Rewards Readers

The Lake County Public Library Foundation recognized the top readers in its 28th annual Read-a-Thon at a special awards breakfast for the children, accompanied by their parents, school principals and librarians, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

In the six week event, the children seek sponsors and read as many books as they are able. Once the funds have been collected, schools receive one-third of the total raised for their libraries.

In addition trophies and award ribbons are distributed to every participating child, as well as gift cards for the top eight earners in each library branch's district.



This year's top students, pictured here with Foundation board members **Michael McIntyre**, **Charlotte Malone Williams**, **Charmin Shileds Williamson**, **Marti Ross** and **Dian Reyome**.

Honored are:

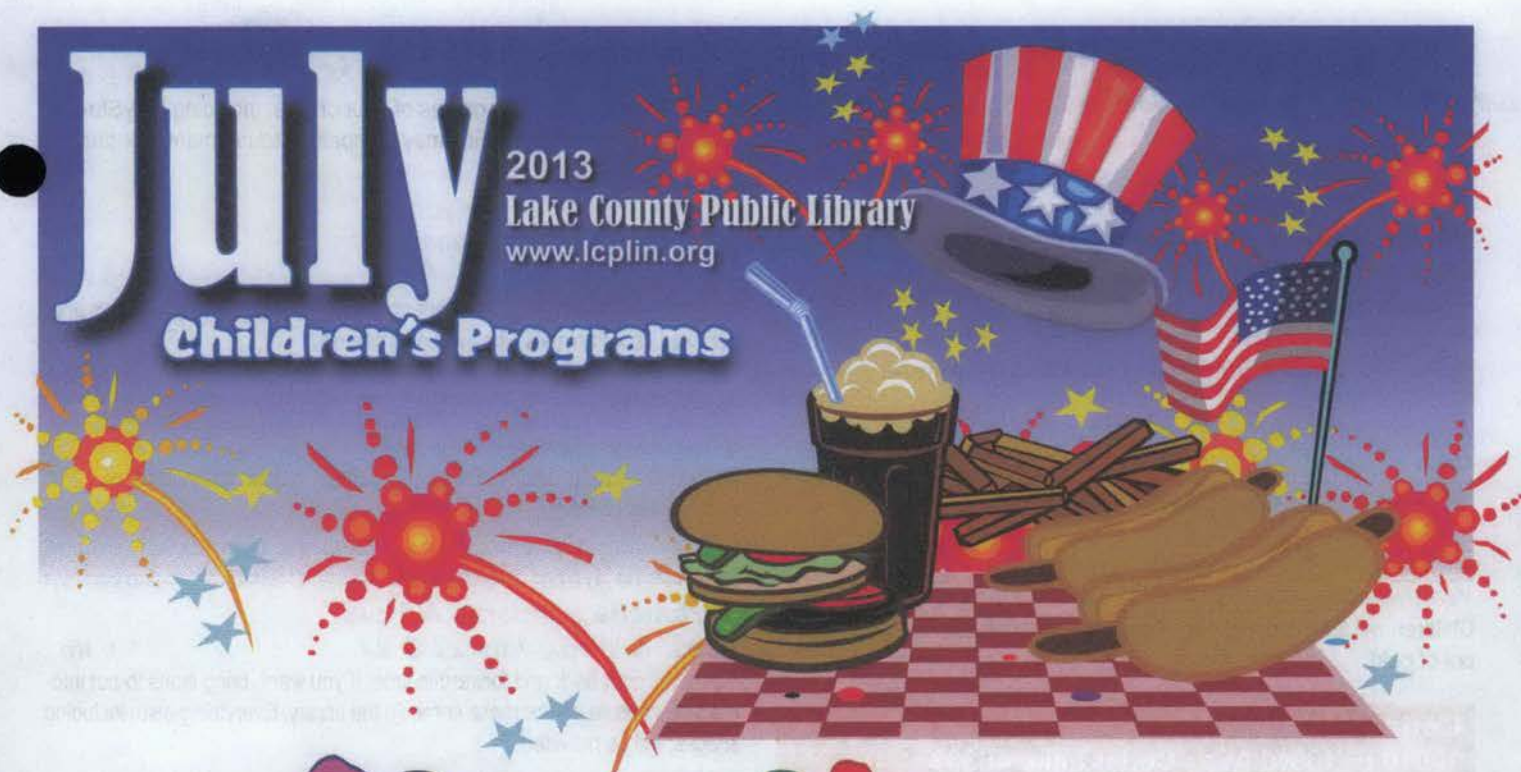
Halie Meeks (Lake Station), **Mitchell Walsh** (Munster), **Antionette Ulrich** (Black Oak), **Amesha Franklin** (New Chicago), **Amelia Marshall** (Hobart), **Shirmara Anderson** (Merrillville), **Turner Enderle** (Highland), **Dimitri Dovellos** (Dyer-Schererville), **Joey LaPatra** (Griffith-Calumet Township), and **Kierstynn Elder** (Cedar Lake).

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

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Children's Programs



Storytimes

Birth-23 months

and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch

1st Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.
3rd Friday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st Friday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch

2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2nd & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 2nd & 3rd & 4th Mon. 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

1st, 2nd & 3rd & 4th Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Tuesday 2 p.m.

Highland Branch

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 3rd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.
2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 2nd & 3rd & 4th Tues. 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Dig into Legends--Gnomes

Wednesday, July 10

2 p.m.

We will make our own gnome and explore the legends of this little fellow.

Family Movie Fun

Monday, July 15

1 p.m.

Families are invited to bring a bag lunch and watch a movie.

Dig into Legends--Trolls

Wednesday, July 17

2 p.m.

This week we will explore the legend of the troll.

Dig into Legends--Leprechauns

Wednesday, July 24

2 p.m.

Children will learn about Leprechauns of Irish Folklore, then make a pot of gold.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Crafts & More @ the Library!

July 1 to 27

All Day

All month long enjoy crafts and more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun @ the library!

Digging for Treasure

Wednesday, July 3

2 p.m.

School age children who have completed kindergarten through grade 5 will enjoy stories and activities about underground treasure, including pirate treasure and gold!

Film Fest

Saturday, July 6

1 to 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy feature films with a 'Beneath the Surface' feel on the library's big screen in the library's comfy chairs. Stay for one or two movies; crafts, and snacks, too!

Teens Rock On

Monday, July 8 & Tuesday, July 9

4 p.m.

Teens will craft with rocks and dirt--worry stones, pet rocks, edible dirt, rock candy, fossils, garden stones, and more! Snacks provided.

Dig into Water Fun

Wednesday, July 10

2 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten to grade 5 will enjoy stories and water activities outside, weather permitting. Be sure to dress in clothes that can get wet.

Reader Leader with Bailey & Piper

Wednesday, July 10, 17, 24 & 31

3 p.m.

Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities, games and crafts. Children will also have an opportunity to read with Bailey or Piper, who are licensed therapy dogs.

Teen GameFest

Fri., July 12 & Thurs., July 25

3 to 5 p.m.

Teens, 11 and older, play games of your choice, including PlayStation and Wii. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks provided.

Those Digging Animals

Wednesday, July 17

2 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten to grade 5 will enjoy stories and activities about animals who live underground.

Hobbit Party

Thursday, July 18

4 p.m.

Teens will travel to Middle Earth with games, music, crafts, and, of course, lots of food!

We Were Here: Personal Time Capsules, Fossils, Cartouche Pendants & More

Tues. & Wed., July 22 & 23

4 p.m.

Teens will craft back and forward in time. If you want, bring items to put into the time capsule and/or make some @ the library. Everything else, including snacks, will be provided.

Digging Up Trouble

Wednesday, July 24

2 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 5 will stories and activities about gnomes and other underground mischief makers.

Craft Fair

Friday, July 26

1 to 3 p.m.

Dig into crafts as we celebrate a summer of reading fun! Enjoy a variety of crafts available for all ages!

Teddy Bear Picnic

Monday, July 29

6:30 p.m.

Children of all ages should bring their favorite stuffed bear (or other animal) for story time fun. They will participate in songs, stories, games, and making scrumptious picnic food. They will also make a cave, a hat, and a shoebox wagon for their bear or other special stuffed friend.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

LEGO Club

Monday, July 1

6:30 p.m.

& Tuesday, July 16

2 p.m.

School age children who have completed kindergarten through grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the Library's LEGO bricks.

Lunchtime Movies

Fridays, July 5 & 19

Noon

Alice in Wonderland is the Disney version of Lewis Carroll's children's story, rated G, running time 75 minutes. Next up will be Peter Pan, a charming adaptation from J. M. Barrie's play about a boy who never grew up, rated G, running time 76 minutes. **Registration is not required.**

Fancy Nancy Party!

Thursday, July 11

2 p.m.

School age children (completed kindergarten and up) may join us for a splendid Fancy Nancy party! Enjoy splendid refreshments and fanciful activities. Glamorous fashion show attire will be available for dress up!

Down Under At The National Lakeshore!

Friday, July 12

10:30 a.m.

School age children (completed kindergarten and up) will have the opportunity to meet Kip Walton, a park ranger at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, as he presents a program on burrowing animals that live at the park. **Registration is not required.**

RONALD MCDONALD!

Tuesday, July 16

10:30 a.m.

Our favorite clown, Ronald McDonald, will entertain and delight children of all ages with his fun-filled program. Be sure to bring your camera and have your picture taken with Ronald! **Registration is not required.**

It's A Pirate's Life For Me!

Thursday, July 18

10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

School age children (completed kindergarten and up) - Shiver me timbers! Come walk the plank and participate in other swashbuckling activities, then decorate your own treasure chest!

Fire! Fire!

Wednesday, July 24

2 p.m.

Beat the heat of summer with a spray from a Schererville Fire Engine! Bring a towel and enjoy the watery fun! Many thanks to the Schererville Fire Department for donating their time and providing their fire engine for this fun experience for the children. **Registration is not required.**

Silly Safaris

Thursday, July 25

2 p.m.

Silly Safaris is going underground to bring you some amazing animals! Come see which furry, feathered, scaly, or even slimy friends they bring to share with you! **Registration is not required.**

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Radio Play Practice

Monday, July 1, 8, 15 & 22

1:30 p.m.

Those teens and 'twins who would like to be a part of the library's radio play must attend the Monday practices during July. We need both speaking parts and those who wish to be part of the sound effects crew.

Craft Club

Tuesday, July 9 & 23

2 p.m.

Children, ages 6 to 10, will hear the story *The Blizzard*, work a little science wizardry to make snow (outside) and have an old fashion snowball fight in July. At the next meeting they will learn about Beatniks and turn an oatmeal box into a bongo drum.

Grandparent Day

Thursday, July 11

2 p.m.

Children, 6 and older are invited to bring a grandparent to the library and

celebrate Christmas in July. They will hear the story *Cobweb Christmas* and they will make Christmas ornaments.

Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, July 11

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble—you are sure to increase your vocabulary. Other board games will be available for those who are not into words.

Bicycle Maintenance and Repair

Saturday, July 13

10 a.m.

Get tips from the experts on maintaining and doing basic repairs on your bicycle this summer. All ages welcome.

LEGO Mania

Monday, July 15

3:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Teens and Tweens

Thursday, July 18

2 p.m.

Weird science day will include making a glow stick from Mountain Dew soda.

Teens and 'Twins Radio Play

Thursday, July 25

2 p.m.

The Griffith-Calumet Township branch teens and 'twins will present the Radio play they have been rehearsing all month.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, July 25

6:30 p.m.

If you enjoy Graphic Novels come and join us. This month we will discussing *The Hobbit*. **Registration is not required.**

CupCake Bingo

Tuesday, July 30

2 p.m.

At the last program of the summer, the library will host a marathon bingo game—the prize, a cupcake. Summer Reading participants will receive their certificates.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

School Age Program

Tuesday, July 9

1:30 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to find 'Gold in Them Thar' Hills!' Join us as we pan for gold. Whatever you find you get to keep!

Family Story Hour

Tuesdays, July 9 & 23

6:30 p.m.

Families and their children, 3 to 7 years old, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music and other early literacy activities relating to 'Buried Treasure.'

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, July 10 & 24

3:30 p.m.

School age children will build with the library's LEGO blocks at this month's 'challenge' building theme. They may bring a construction from home to talk

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about doing 'show and tell.' Parents of children in up to grade 2 should plan to stay in the room with their child. At the end of the program, current constructions will be on display in the library until the next meeting. We happily accept donations of LEGO bricks to add to our collection.

Denim, Cans, Computers & the Ocean **Thursday, July 11**

Noon

Using our summer reading theme of 'Beneath the Surface,' teens will take a look at the oceans and what we can do to help keep them clean. Crafts with materials that often find their way to the ocean, lakes, and rivers will be used. Registration appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

Brown Bag Movies **Fridays, July 12, 19 & 26**

12:30 p.m.

Join us in the library for your favorite children's films seen on our large screen. Bring your lunch and a beverage, we will provide the pop-corn and movie. Parents must accompany children in 1st grade age and younger. Movie themes are: Pirate Of The Year Award, Brother Bear, and Dolphin Tale. Don't miss the fun!

School Age Program **Tuesday, July 16**

1:30 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten and older will be going 'Down Under at the National Lakeshore' with Park Ranger Ken Walton.

Teen Advisory Board **Wednesday, July 17**

3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects including fall activities. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. New members welcome. **Registration is not required.**

Stuffed Pet Sleep over **Thursday, July 18**

3:30 p.m.

Children of all ages may bring their stuffed pet to enjoy pre-sleepover activities. (Limit one pet per child) Pets will be registered by their owners. After the pre-sleepover party, owners will go home and pets will spend the night in the library. Starting at noon the next day, children may pick up their pets with a souvenir of their nocturnal adventures. (Be sure the 'pet' is one the child can spend the night without!)

School Age Program **Tuesday, July 23**

1:30 p.m.

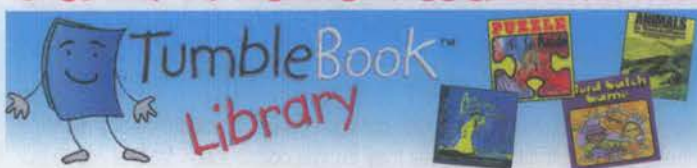
Children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to 'Just Dig It' and to spend an hour enjoying 'pirate' activities.

Teen Tech - The Underground Railroad Project **Saturday, July 27**

Noon to 4 p.m.

Ever wonder about the stories behind the brave men and women who entered the Underground Railroad...or how to record a podcast? With guided help at the library, teens will write first person narratives and record them. We will make a podcast or a radio show for our Teen Blog. Sound effects and snacks provided! Registration is appreciated!

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids!



Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night **Tuesday, July 2**

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) in this one hour program, will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

School Age Programs **Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25**

2 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 4) will have lots of fun playing both in-door and out-door water games the first week, learning about Ancient Egypt from a very special presenter the following week, and creating dinosaur fossils the last week in this series of programs.

Teen Shark Party **Thursday, July 11**

6 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens who have completed grade 4 and up are invited to a shark party. Shark games will be played and the teens will decorate cupcakes and cookies.

Harry Potter Movie Marathon **Saturday, July 13 & 27**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sign up to join us for the last four of the Harry Potter movies on the library's cinematic screen. Refreshments will be served.

Evening Family Movie **Tuesday, July 16**

6 p.m.

All members of the family are invited to see the movie 'Rise of the Guardians', rated PG, 97 min. Children may wear their pajamas and bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, and a stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Ice Cream Social **Wednesday, July 17**

2 to 4 p.m.

Everyone can come beat the heat and enjoy some ice cream at the Hobart library's ice cream social. Bring a topping to share.

Teen & 'Tweens Create with Duct Tape **Thursday, July 18**

6 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (who have completed grade 4 and up) will be making flowers and other items with duct tape.

Pancakes and Scrabble **Saturday, July 20**

10 a.m. - Noon

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

Movietime **Wednesday, July 10**

2 p.m.

Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 6 can bring a snack and enjoy the movie 'Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark.'

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, July 12

11 a.m.

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Clever Craft

Wednesday, July 17

2 p.m.

Children, who have completed kindergarten through grade 6, will creatively paint a snake. There is a limited number of snakes available, so be sure to register.



'Tween Time

Thursday, July 18

2 p.m.

Youngsters, 10 to 12 years old, will be creating a unique t-shirt. Each participant must bring a laundered (no fabric softener), white, 100% cotton t-shirt to complete this craft.

Greyt Readers

Wednesday, July 24

6 p.m.

Read to the dogs! Greyhounds, provided by American Greyhound, will listen as children read books to them. **Registration is not required.**

Silly Safari

Thursday, July 25

Noon

'Dig into Reading' with animals that live underground! See furry, feathered, scaly and slimy animals and learn what makes them special.

Registration is mandatory as space is limited.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Teen Summer Reading

Monday, July 1 to 27

All Day

Teens can read books and magazines and/or listen to books on compact disc to win weekly prizes. A grand prize winner will be chosen at the end of July! Pick up summer reading entry slips when you check out or return materials, complete one slip for every 100 pages you read (Example: A 500 page book = 5 entry slips, 1 magazine = 1 entry slip, 1 book on CD = 1 entry slip)

Family Movie

Wednesday, July 3, 17, 24

Noon

The whole family is invited to a different feature film each of these dedicated Wednesdays: *The Goonies* rated PG running time 111 minutes; *Wreck It Ralph* rated PG running time 101 minutes; *We're Back: A Dinosaur's Story* rated PG running time 72 minutes. Feel free to bring snacks or lunch. No red or other dark colored drinks. *Children under the age of 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. **Registration is not required.**



Board Game Fun

Wednesday, July 3

6:30 p.m.

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play board games and have snacks. Family members are welcome to join in!

Meet Ronald McDonald

Wednesday, July 10

2 p.m.

Ronald's coming! Join us for an afternoon of fun with our favorite clown.

Let's Walk Like an Egyptian

Thursday, July 11

4 p.m.

Children will hear Egyptian inspired stories and make crafts that will transform you into an Egyptian Pharaoh or the beautiful Cleopatra.

LEGO Club

Monday, July 15

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!



Gaming Night

Wednesday, July 17

6 p.m.

Teens, 12-17 years of age, are invited to get together to play *Wii*, *Playstation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Down Under the National Lakeshore

Thursday, July 18

2:30 p.m.

Ranger Kip Walton will present a program on burrowing animals that live in the Indiana Dunes National Park.

Book Exchange

Monday, July 22

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome to bring up to 5 gently used books to exchange for 5 different books.



Silly Safari

Thursday, July 25

10 a.m.

Coyote Chris will bring some amazing animals for us to see and learn all about them.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

School Age Explorers

Wed., July 3, 10, 17, 24 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Children, who have completed kindergarten, and older, will use their imagination to dig into reading with books, games and crafts.

Summer Movie Breaks

Fridays, July 5, 12 & 19

2 p.m.

Families can take a break from the heat and enjoy a film on the big screen. Bring snacks to munch when you come to view: *Gnomeo & Juliet*, rated PG with a running time of 84 minutes; *Monsters, Inc.* rated G with a running time of 92 minutes; *Wreck It Ralph*, rated PG with a running time of 101 minutes. **Registration is not required.**



LEGO Building

Thursday, July 11

3 to 7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 - 7 pm for some creative building with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.



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Teen Movie Nights

Thursdays, July 11, 18 & 25

6 p.m.

Tweens and teens are invited to our higher rated movie nights. Younger children are allowed with a parent. Bring snacks to munch while you view: *Jurassic Park*, rated PG-13 with a running time of 127 minutes; *The Mummy*, rated PG-13 with a running time of 124 minutes; *Wierd Science*, rated PG-13 with a running time of 91 minutes. **Registration is not required.**

Lunch Time Adventure

Thursday, July 18

12:30 p.m.

Children, ages 7 and up, will dig into different topics while enjoying their own brown bag lunch.

The Wonderful World of Worms!

Thursday, July 18

2 p.m.

Children, 6 years of age and older, are invited to explore the world of composting with worms! Lara and the Enviromobile will visit to demonstrate exactly how composting works. Doors open at 1:45 p.m., and the program begins at 2 p.m. Space is limited to the first 30 children.

Registration is not available.

Silly Safari

Thursday, July 25

4 p.m.

Come join Amazon John and his crew as Silly Safaris goes underground to bring some amazing animals for summer reading. Special guests from the audience join each animal for a game that teaches about the natural world. You'll see your favorite furry, feathered, scaly, and even slimy friends. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., the show starts at 4 p.m. Space is limited to the first 70 people will be admitted and seating will be on the floor. **Registration is not available.**

The Big Dig - Summer Reading Finale

Saturday, July 27

2 p.m.

All summer reading participants can pick up their reading roster cards and take part in our end of summer activity fair. **Registration is not required.**

Summer Reading Volunteer Ice Cream Party

Saturday, July 27

4 p.m.

All volunteers who helped with our summer reading programs are invited to a "Thank You" ice cream party. The party will begin at 4 p.m. and last until you've had your fill or 5 p.m., whichever comes first!

Registration is not required.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Get Dirty With Crafts

Tuesday, July 9

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will make dirt and sand inspired craft projects and learn something new about art.

Ronald McDonald is Coming to St. John!

Wednesday, July 10

10:30 a.m.

Come watch this fun family program featuring Ronald McDonald and his friend. This program is co-hosted by St. John Parks & Recreation and the St. John Library.

Teen's Play Old School Games

Wednesdays, July 10 & 24

1 to 3 p.m.

No matter what you call them, board games (Scrabble, Checkers, etc) are games of wit and sheer cleverness. Teens are invited to join us and choose a favorite game to play.

Let's Rock!

Thursday, July 11

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will learn about different kinds of rocks, play games and crack open a rock of their own.

Teen Crafts - Art with Heart

Thursday, July 11 & 25

6:30 p.m.

Come join us as we create something awesome, with a bit of flair! We'll make scarves out of old t-shirts, dress up a pen and create a masquerade mask.

A Pirate's Life for Me!

Monday, July 15

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will hear pirate stories, play games and make a craft.

Amazing LEGO

Tuesday, July 16

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17

10:30 a.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts (kindergarten to grade 5) are encouraged to use their imagination as they make LEGO creations with the library's LEGO blocks.

Teen Movie Matinee

Wednesday, July 17

2 p.m.

Join us for a screening of 'The Hunger Games', rated PG-13. Refreshments will be provided.

Shaving Cream Painting

Thursday, July 18

1:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will create shaving cream paintings. Please dress in clothing appropriate for painting.

Teen Gaming Night!

Thursday, July 18

6:30 p.m.

Teens can join the fun in a competitive evening playing *Wii* and *Guitar Hero!*

Picnic Movie Matinee

Monday, July 22

1:30 p.m.

Bring a blanket and a brown bag lunch and enjoy the movie 'Muppet Treasure Island.' Cookies and drinks will be provided. Rated G, the film is 99 minutes long.

Dino Family Story Time

Wednesday, July 24

6:30 p.m.

Children and their families will listen to stories about dinosaurs and make a craft.

Chill Out!

Thursday, July 25

1:30 p.m.

Children and their families will cool off outdoors at this fun water play program. Be sure to bring a towel. We will have fun indoor activities if the weather changes.

August

Library Happenings

EveryCHILD
Ready to **READ**
= your library

This summer we were 'Digging Into Reading' and so some of our activities involved sand and playdough. You can continue the fun at home while you help your child learn important early literacy skills. Make up a simple playdough like this one:

Mix together 2 cups of flour and 1 cup of water. You can add dry kool-aid or jello for color if you wish. You might add a little sand for texture, too. If it's too sticky, add more flour.

Then sculpt away. Talk with your child about what he or she is making. Try these literacy activities:

- Spell your child's favorite things with the dough. Talk about and sound out the letters.
- Point out letters or words in books and recreate those letters or words with the dough.
- Sculpt objects with the dough. Ask your child to guess what you made. Try sculpting objects that your

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MORE ONLINE LEARNING...



Four new resources have joined the ever-expanding list of online databases available to all of our patrons at all of our locations and to resident patrons from any computer anywhere—even the one in your pocket!

Mango Languages offers interactive instruction at the basic and complete levels for more than 50 languages, both foreign languages for native English speakers and English for speakers of other languages. Among the foreign languages offered are: Spanish, French, German, Arabic, Hebrew, Japanese,

Swedish, Greek, and 41 more. Instruction in English is available to native speakers of 15 different languages. In addition to the main site available on your computer, you can download the *Mango Languages* mobile app to your iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad, or Android device. Use your library card number to sign in, and then create a profile so that you can save your progress as you work through the courses.

American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most used non-English language in the United States (after Spanish and Chinese). *Signing Savvy* offers thousands of high-resolution videos demonstrating word signs and finger-spelling to help you learn ASL more efficiently and accurately than you could from a book alone. You can browse lists of frequently used signs (including Baby Signs!), search for the sign you need, or just learn the "Sign of the Day." The full site is available on your computer or mobile device, or you can download the *Signing Savvy* app to your device. Sign in with your library card number and create an account in order to take advantage of all that *Signing Savvy* has to offer.

A to Z The World is a gold mine of information for both students and travelers about 175 countries throughout the world. There are maps, recipes, security warnings, and national symbols. There is information about business culture, weather and climate, health care, religion, and more—107 modules for each country! There are even crossword puzzles about each country that can be completed online or printed out. To Access *AtoZ The World*, type your library card

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STAFF RECOMMENDS



Juliet by Anne Fortier

X FORT

A blend of an exciting modern mystery and historical fiction. Julie Jacobs is the modern day descendant of the woman who was the inspiration for Shakespeare's *Juliet*. Bereft after the death of her aunt, Julie travels to Italy to unravel the mystery of her star-crossed ancestors, hoping to find a great treasure that they are supposed to have left behind. I loved the book for the well-drawn characters, and the way scenes from 1340 are interspersed between the modern scenes made it very difficult to put down. Slightly more romance than I usually enjoy, but definitely worth the read.

RJ/TMS

Keeper Of The Lost Cities

by Shannon Messenger

X MESS (jbfk)

First book in a series-listed as Juvenile, but it is more of a young adult. Once you read this, you can't wait for the sequel!

OM/BC

Clara And Mr. Tiffany

by Susan Vreeland

X VREE

A story as beautiful as Tiffany glass, it fictionalizes the lives of the women who worked as artisans in Tiffany's workshop, in particular Clara Driscoll. It's a wonderful window into the lives of women who struggled for representation and rights, not only within the workplace, but to be able to live their lives outside the workplace as they wished.

SS/SJ

The Queen Mother: The Official Biography

by William Shawcross

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If you liked the King's Speech, you will love this in-depth portrait of Elizabeth, the wife of King George VI who later was affectionately known as the "Queen Mum." Born in 1900, her life story is literally a chronicle of the twentieth century as she sees her husband and her country through two world wars, the unprecedented abdication of King Edward, and the marital troubles of her daughter and her grandchildren.

MG/LSNC

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake 374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

History on Film

Aug. 13, Tues.

2 pm

Enjoy a privileged look at the wonders of Chicago's most famous and mysterious mansions.

Cool It: Ice Cream, Slushies, Salsa & More

Aug. 13 & 14, Tues. & Wed.

4 pm

Teens will make ice cream & slushies, or warm up with salsa. Pick a summer craft, or bring socks or a t-shirt to tie-dye.

Books & Chat

Aug. 21, Wed.

6:30 pm

Readers will discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, a fascinating story of how scientists took, replicated, and distributed a woman's cells without consent or compensation.

Games Galore!

Aug. 24, Sat.

10 am

Children of all ages and their families will enjoy a variety of games, including Scrabble, Chess, Uno and much more!

Travel the World without Leaving Home

Aug. 27, Tues.

2 pm

Enjoy a tour of Transylvania's landscapes, castle ruins, mountains, canyons, lakes, and the warm springs of spa-resorts.

Teen GameFest

Aug. 28, Wed.

3-5 pm

Teens 11 and older may play games of your choice, including PlayStation and Wii. There will be a tournaments for prizes.

Dyer/Schererville 322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film

Aug. 5, Mon.

1 pm

This independently produced film is in Kurdish and Turkish with English subtitles. It is not rated by the MPAA. Adults only; running time: 102 minutes. [cc] Call the library for title.

Stamp Class

Aug. 13, Tues.

6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Registration mandatory to participate.

Indiana Prescription Drug Discount

Aug. 20, Tues.

6:30 pm

Indiana residents have access to a statewide Prescription Assistance Program (PAP) with no membership restrictions, income requirements, age limitations or applications to fill out, savings up to 75% on prescription drugs and the card is accepted at pharmacies across the country. Learn how to get the 'Indiana Drug Card.'

Registration not required.

Virtual Tourist

Aug. 21, Wed.

7 pm

Journey to Argentina via the library's cinematic screen.

Between the Lines

Aug. 28, Wed.

7 pm

or Aug. 29, Thurs.

10:15 am

Readers will discuss Lisa Genova's *Still Alice*, following a Harvard professor's struggles to live in the moment as her sense of self is being stripped away by Alzheimer's disease.

Registration not required.



August's Featured Database

Signing Savvy

The Signing Savvy database is an online sign language dictionary that can now be found in LCPL's collection of databases at <http://www.lcpln.org/learn/FindInfo/databases.html>. The videos are of American Sign Language (ASL) signs and common other signs used in conversational signing within the United States. The constantly expanding dictionary has videos of signs for more than 7000 words and phrases. Use Signing Savvy to create word lists and flash cards. Try Signing Savvy with any of LCPL's sign language instructional DVDs. The DVDs are listed in our Library Catalog by searching "American sign language video" in the catalog's quick library search box.

For more information contact Debbie Rzepczynski, Library Skills Trainer by phone (219-769-3541, ext. 340) or by email drzepczynski@lcpln.org

Branch Library Happenings

Griffith-Calumet Twp ...838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Thursday Threaders

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29,

Thursdays 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Every Thursday, bring and work on your own knit, crochet, or craft project while enjoying the company of others.

Paper Creations

Aug. 6, Tues.

1 pm

Aug. 20, Tues.

6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials (due at the time of the class) to design personalized cards and other paper creations. Bring adhesive and scissors.

Teen Planning Session

Aug. 8, Thurs.

6 pm

Teens, 11 to 15, are invited to plan programs for the type of activities they enjoy through December.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

Aug. 12, Mon.

1 pm

Read Gillian Flynn's first novel, *Sharp Objects*, is the story of Camille, haunted by the childhood tragedy she has spent her whole life trying to cut from memory.

Movie Wednesday

Aug. 21, Wed.

2 pm

A middle-aged married couple (Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones) attend an intense, week-long counseling session to work on their relationship. Runtime: 100 minutes. Call the library for title.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Aug. 22, Thurs.

6:30 pm

Fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run. This month's selection is *Dramacon* by Svetlana Chmakova.

Book Buddies

Aug. 26, Mon.

4 pm

Read and discuss Emma Donoghue's *Room*: a 5-year-old's world is his mother's prison where she's been held for seven years.

Highland838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322
www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film

Aug. 5, Mon.

2pm & 6:30 pm

From their immense buttresses to the intricacies of stained glass, Gothic cathedrals stand as a complex, richly designed celebration of all we hold most sacred, and as an articulation of joy and accomplishment. **Registration not required.**

Teen Book Discussion - Best of Summer

Aug. 7, Wed.

3:45 pm

Share your favorite summer reading books and read your favorite passage! Refreshments served. **Registration not required.**

Teens - Night out Before School Begins!

Aug. 8, Thurs.

6-8:15 pm

Relax with snacks, fun, and a great movie! **Registration not required.**

Computer Class- Meet the Mouse

Aug. 12, Mon. & Aug. 27, Mon.

2 pm

Learn the basics of how to 'click' and move the mouse effectively. Class size limited.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Aug. 13 & 27, Tues.

6:30 pm

Join in this discussion of the reasons the West intervened in Libya, not in Syria, and what has happened since. When should the international community intervene?

Computer Class - Basic Computers

Aug. 14 & 28, Wed.

2 pm

Beginners learn the keyboard, desktop and simple word processing skills. Class size limited.

Gardening Program

Aug. 15, Thurs.

6:30 pm

Master Gardener Dian Fruth will present a program on *Beneficial Bugs and Wonderful Weeds*.

Travel Film

Aug. 19, Mon.

2 pm & 6:30 pm

Journey to Paris, the 'city of light,' the 'city of love,' the 'capital of fashion,' and tour the Seine, the Montmartre, and the Quartier Latin.

Registration not required.

Understanding Your Digital Camera

Aug. 20, Tues.

6:30 pm

Rudy Navarro presents a program to successfully use your digital camera to take pictures. Please bring your camera and the manual.

Teen Advisory Board

Aug. 21, Wed.

3:45 pm

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for our fall projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. **Registration not required.**

Stamp Camp

Aug. 21, Wed.

6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class to design and complete customized greeting cards and more.

Teen - Computer Scavenger Hunt II

Aug. 22, Thurs.

6:30 pm

Teens and 'tweens (6th grade and up) will test their detective skills by hunting for answers to some cryptic and mysterious questions. You may partner up with someone.

Please be sure to register.

Computer Class - Navigating the Net

Aug. 23, Fri. & Aug. 29, Thurs.

2 pm

Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Classic Film

Aug. 26, Mon.

2 pm & 6 pm

An apathetic biology teacher (Kevin James) in a failing high school, springs into action when the music program is threatened by moonlighting as a mixed martial arts fighter. **Registration not required.** Call the library for title.

Ask a Librarian

Q: I would like to learn the Norwegian language. Do you have anything that will help me?

A: The library offers access to a database called "Mango." This database offers step-by-step courses in many languages including Norwegian. To use **Mango**, go to the library's homepage (www.lcpln.org). At the top of the page go to "Learn" and drop down to the link for databases. You can find the link for **Mango** either by going to the alphabetical list of databases or by going to "Student Resources." When you start using Mango, you will be asked to enter your card number. You can also choose to create a profile and keep track of your progress.



WiFi available

Branch Library Happenings

Hobart 942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342
www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Adult Learning Classes

August 5 to 28,
 Mon. & Wed. 12-4 pm or 4-8 pm

Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 672.

Travel Movie

August 6, Tues. 2 pm

Travel to Japan to visit Toyko and the ancient city of Kyoto. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Tuesdays with Movies

August 13, Tues. 2 pm

Clint Eastwood plays an aging baseball scout who refuses to be benched. Coffee and refreshments served. Call the library for the title.

Stamp Camp

August 15, Thurs. 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of customized card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Pancakes and Scrabble

August 17, Sat. 10 am-Noon

All ages are welcome to pancakes and a game of Scrabble. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Who Picked this Book?

August 20, Tues. 10:30 am
 or August 21, Wed. 6 pm

Erik Larson's *Thunderstruck* is the saga of how the lives of the inventor of wireless and of Britain's second most famous murderer (after Jack the Ripper) intersected during one of the greatest criminal chases of all time. Discuss while indulging in coffee and baked goods.

Registration is not required.

Learn About Hoosier Healthwise

Aug. 20, Tues. 2 pm

Learn about this program and sliding scale fees available for the uninsured and under insured, and a variety of options available for families without medical and dental insurance.

Lake Station 962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpln.org/branches/lscn.htm

Book Chat

August 1, Thurs. 10 am

Emily, Alone by Stewart O'Nan will be discussed. A recent widow mourns the changes in her Pittsburgh neighborhood before realizing an inner strength to pursue developing opportunities.

Expanded Hours!

Aug. 5 & 7, Mon. & Wed., 10 am-12:30 pm

Aug. 6 & 8, Tues. & Thurs., 6-8:30 pm

Join us for coffee, cookies, and lemonade as we celebrate our newly expanded hours. We hope you will enjoy the increased access to books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and computer use in the months to come!

Family Nutrition Program

August 9, Fri., 11 am-1:30 pm

A Family Nutrition Adviser will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics for adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

One on One Computer Class

Aug. 27, Tues. 10:30 am & 11:30 am

Adults can sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up free email accounts, or write a resume. Patrons must have a valid library card in good standing.

Merrillville 769-3541

1919 W. 81st Ave., IN 46410

www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

BOOKreMARKS Online

Aug. 1 to 31

To join the month-long, online discussion of *Big Fish* by Daniel Wallace, available to anyone, anywhere, at any time, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org.

Free Music Program: Mo' Beat Blues

August 1, Thurs. 2 pm

Get ready for a high energy show and a swingin' good time performance by Samuel Lozada, filled with blues, jazz, soul, R&B, country and swing. Refreshments served. Ext. 317

Ask Me! I Work Here!

Aug. 5, 12, 19, & 26, Mon. 2-4 pm

Library Staff at the Cafe Vending Area will answer questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device! Bring your electronics and let's figure out the answer to your question!

Live! Featured Database: Signing Savvy

August 5, 12, 19, & 26, Mon. 2 pm

See a 15 minute live demonstration of August's Featured Database *Signing Savvy*, an online sign language dictionary.

Northwest Indiana Butterfly Club

August 8, Thurs. 10 am

Observe and learn about butterflies, gardening for butterflies, rearing, conservation and photography. For more information, contact Dian Fruth at dfruth@comcast.net or Laura Tucker, lauratucker2@frontier.com.

Paper Creations with Jolanda

August 8, Thurs. 1 pm

There is a \$5 fee to cover materials to make customized greeting cards due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Circle of Readers

August 8, Thurs. 6:15 pm

Billy Lynn's *Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain is an honest look at young soldiers home from the war in Iraq on a publicity tour illustrating the disconnect between the war abroad and the war at home. *Registration not required.* Ext. 335

Fantasy Football

August 8, Thurs. 6 pm

Join us this NFL season and learn how to create a free fantasy football team using Yahoo. We'll discuss the draft process, injuries, who to sit or start, and other aspects of your team. Open for ages 18 and older. Must have a valid email account. Ext. 334

Friends of LCPL Meeting

August 13, Tues. 1 pm

The Friends of Lake County Public Library Board meeting takes place. All members of the 'Friends' or those interested in joining may attend. Ext. 317

Laugh for the Health of it!

August 20, Tues. 7 pm

A Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor will lead a unique exercise routine where anyone can laugh unconditionally, without jokes or comedy, to oxygenate your body, reduce stress and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed. Ext. 317

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

August 23, Fri. 10 am to 1:30 pm

Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to noon followed by "Advanced Issues & strategies in Alzheimer's Disease." Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Munster 836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings

August 6, Tues. 6:30 pm

View a Great Courses DVD lecture series about Vikings. This month's half hour topics include: 'Kings of the Swedes and Goths' and 'Christianization and Economic Change.'

Classic Film

August 12, Mon. 2 pm

In this charming film based on the popular L. Frank Baum stories, Dorothy and her dog Toto

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are caught in a tornado's path and somehow end up in the land of Oz. Rated G; running time 101 minutes. Call the library for title.

Independent Film Series

August 13, Tues. 2 pm & 6:30 pm

A young boy struggles with his double identity for security purposes, as his parents, Montoneros guerrillas, return to 1979 Argentina to combat the ruthless junta military regime. In Spanish with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only. Running time 110 minutes. [cc] Call the library for title.

Gardening Program

August 14, Wed. 6:30 pm

Master Gardeners Bill and Jennifer Tobin will discuss how to weed your garden without using any harmful chemicals.

Explore Hidden India: The Kerala Spicelands

August 15, Thurs. 2 pm & 7 pm

Where in the world have Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and Jews lived together in harmony? Kerala, where trade and spices brought them together in tropical lowlands studded with coconut palms and cool mountain ranges.

Digital Open House

August 21, Wed. 1:30 pm

Bring your laptop, eReader or other wi-fi compatible device and your questions about library eBooks, downloadable music and more -- all available with your resident library card and PIN! *Registration not required.*

Blood Pressure Screening

August 22, Thurs. 10 am-Noon

A medical representative provides free blood pressure screenings.

No appointments or registration are needed.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

August 22, Thurs. 1:30 pm

In *Unaccustomed Earth* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri, eight stories take us from Cambridge and Seattle to India and Thailand. We are drawn into the lives of sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers, daughters and sons, and friends and lovers.

Great Books Discussion

August 29, Thurs. 7 pm

Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Indestructibility of Our Inner Nature* by Schopenhauer, a selection from the fourth series of Great Books.

St. John.....365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/sj.htm

Moon Called Book Discussion

August 5, Mon. 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss 'Hearts of Darkness' by Kira Brady. A werewolf named Hart will stop at nothing to free what's left of his soul.

Stamp Class

August 5, Mon. 6:30 pm

There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided due at the time of class to create custom greeting cards.

Sit & Stitch

August 7 & 21, Wed. 6-8 pm

Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project & gather with others who have a common thread. Join us for conversation & fun.

Master Gardener Program

August 12, Mon. 6 pm

Master Gardener Joy McCullough will present a program: 'Vegetable & Herb Gardening: How to Use What You Grow.'

Page Turners Book Club

August 14, Wed. 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss 'The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie' by C. Alan Bradley. An eleven-year-old aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, must exonerate her father of murder.

Big Screen Musical

August 20, Tues. 1:30 pm

This lively musical is based on the story of the successful *Tin Pan Alley* songwriting team of Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby, featuring Fred Astaire, Red Skelton, Vera Ellen, and Arlene Dahl.

Call the library for title. Running time: 102 minutes

**EveryCHILD
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child might not know the name of in order to introduce more vocabulary.

- Have your child sculpt an object. Break apart the dough and play "Say it Slow, Say it Fast." For example, if your child makes a ball, divide it in two and sound it out slowly, "Ba" "all". Then put it back together and say the word quickly. Try the same thing with 2 and 3 syllable word objects.

As always, have fun! When your child associates fun times with reading activities, she or he will be more eager to learn to read.

(Dough ideas are from Kanawha County Public Library System, www.kanawha.wv.in.us.)



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number into the box under "Library Login" on the upper right side of the opening page.

Students and job-seekers will discover valuable tools to help them find just the right job or career in **Career Cruising**. There are assessment tests where you can answer questions about

your likes and dislikes to find careers that match up with your interests. You can learn about the core tasks, educational requirements, and earning potential for scores of jobs and careers. You can find colleges and trade schools that offer the courses you need, and you can search for scholarships to help you finance your education. When you are ready to start your job search, you can locate openings in your preferred field and geographic area. You can also build your resume using the included templates and view sample cover letters. Career Cruising is a wonderful resource that takes you from the "just thinking about it" stage all the way to landing the job you want.

With these four new resources, your library continues to reach out to provide the information you need to enrich your life whenever and wherever you need it.

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Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Head

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Children's Programs

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Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Storytimes

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft. (Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.



**MOTHER GOOSE
ON THE
LOOSE!**

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

There are no programs scheduled in August.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm**LEGO Mania****Thursday, August 1****4:30-6 p.m.**

Children through 6th grade will make and display their own Lego creations made with library LEGO bricks! All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Crafts & More @ the Library!**
Monday-Saturday, August 1-31

All day long enjoy crafts and more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun @the library!

Registration not required.

**Cool It: Ice Cream, Slushies, Salsa & More**
August 13 & 14, Tues. & Wed.**4 p.m.**

Make your own ice cream & slushies. Warm up with salsa you make. Pick a summer craft to make too! Sidewalk paint & chalk ingredients will be on hand, along with rock & fossil making and socks for tie dying. If you want, bring a white t-shirt to tie dye or an old one to reconstruct. Everything else, including snacks, will be provided.

**Down on the Farm**
Saturday, August 17**10 a.m.**

Where do all those pizza ingredients come from? The farm, of course! Learn all about it and make a sticker pizza too! **Registration not required.**

Cool It! Ice Cream Fun!
Thursday, August 22**4:30 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy a cool treat as they make their own ice cream as well as other activities.

**Games Galore!****Saturday, August 24****10 a.m.**

Children of all ages and their families will enjoy a variety of games, including Scrabble, Chess, Uno and much more!

**Days of Knights & Damsels,
Queens & Kings, Princes & Princesses**
Monday, August 26**6:30 p.m.**

Recreate times past with stories, activities, crafts, and more! Make butter and bread for a tasty treat, too! **Registration not required.**

**Teen Game Fest**
Wednesday, August 28**3 to 5 p.m.**

Teens 11 and older may play games of your choice, including PlayStation and Wii. There will also be a chance to compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks will be provided too

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

There are no programs scheduled in August.

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch
1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319
838-2825 www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Family Scrabble Night
Thursday, August 1

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble—you will be amazed how everyone's vocabulary will increase.



Summer Reading Rerun
Tuesday, August 6

2:30 p.m.

Did you miss some summer fun? Today we will remake all the crafts done by Preschoolers and the Craft Club (6-10 years of age). Come in and make a craft or two. Ages 3 to 10 are welcome.



Teen Planning Session
Thursday, August 8

6 p.m.

Any teen or tween (11 to 15 years of age) is invited to plan programs for September to December. This is your chance to speak up and let us know what kind of activities the library should be doing for you and your friends.

Paper, Stamps & Ink
Saturday, August 10

11 a.m.

Paper, Stamps & Ink, an adventure into paper creation is a new program for children in kindergarten and up to create customized greeting cards and more. There is a \$5 fee for the materials that will be used.



LEGO Mania

Monday, August 19

3:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.



WiFi available

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, August 22

6:30 p.m.

Fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run. This month's selection is *Dramacon* by Svetlana Chmakova.



Back to School Pencil Toppers

Tuesday, August 27

3:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will make a fuzzy pencil topper to attach to a new pencil.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion - Best of Summer
Wednesday, August 7

3:45 p.m.

Share your favorite summer reading books and read your favorite passage! Refreshments served. **Registration not required.**

Teens - Night out Before School Begins!
Thursday, August 8,

6-8:15 p.m.

Relax and enjoy snacks and a great movie!

Registration not required.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, August 21

3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for our fall projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. **Registration is not required.**

Teen - Computer Scavenger Hunt II

Thursday, August 22

6:30 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (6th grade and up) will test their detective skills by hunting for answers to some cryptic and mysterious questions. You may partner up with someone. Please be sure to register.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

There are no programs scheduled in August.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405
962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

There are no programs scheduled in August.

Merrillville Branch
1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410
769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

There are no programs scheduled in August.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321
836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, August 1

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.



LEGO Building
Thursday, August 8

3-7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

Classic Film
Monday, August 12

2 p.m.

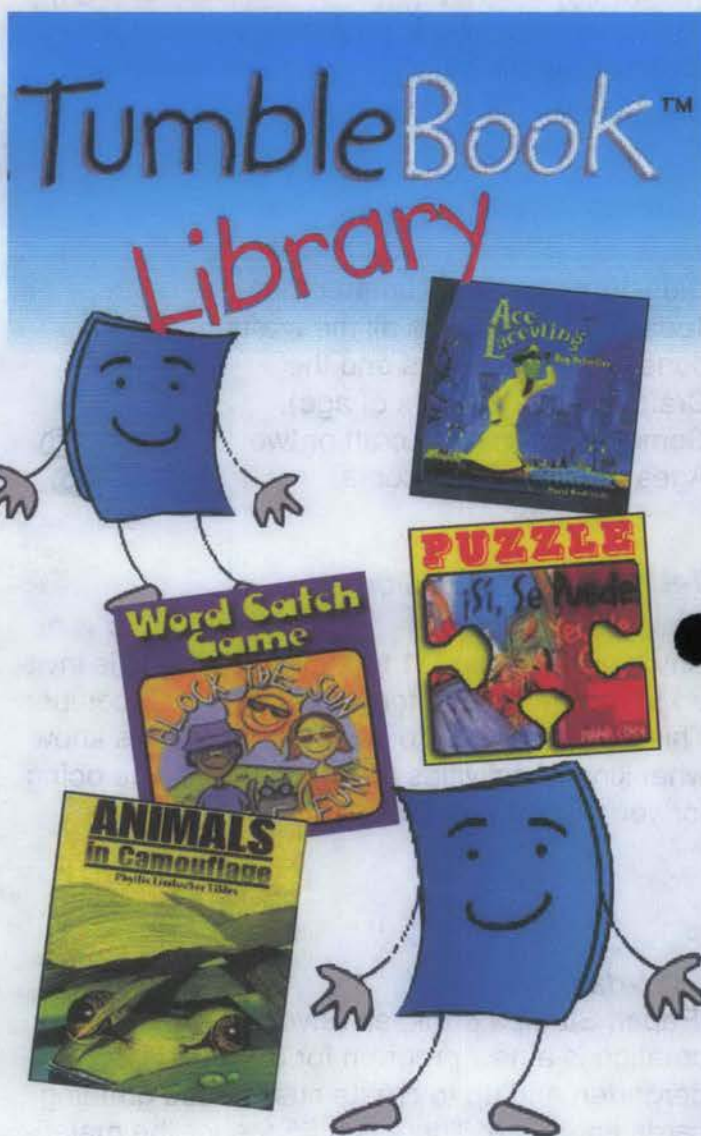
In this charming film based on the popular L. Frank Baum stories, Dorothy and her dog Toto are caught in a tornado's path and somehow end up in the land of Oz. Here she meets some memorable friends and foes in her journey to meet the Wizard, who everyone says can help her return home. Nominated for 6 Academy Awards. Rated G; running time 101 min. Call the library for the title.



St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373
365-5379 www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

See the Story Time Schedule for program list.

**Check out our
website...
free eBooks for kids!**



TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. Children can also play puzzles and games, as well as read books in other languages such as Spanish and French.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

September

Library Happenings

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Ready to READ
at your library

Learning Vocabulary with Reading & Talking!

You, the parent, are your child's first and best teacher. Children learn by doing and they love doing things with you! You can help your child get ready to be a successful reader and student by spending time developing six essential skills that research shows children must have in order to learn to read. It's easy and fun! This month we will talk about words. The more vocabulary your child knows before he or she starts school, the easier reading will be. Reading a new word is much easier if you already know the word! You can help:

- Talk with your baby or preschooler about what is going on around you. Take cues from your child and talk about what interests him or her. What is your baby looking at? Talk about it!
- When your baby or toddler babbles or talks, *listen—and respond!* When your child talks with you, add more detail to what she says. Talk about feelings, too.
- Ask lots of questions. Always wait at least five seconds for an answer before prompting one.
- Share books every day. Point to objects in pictures and name them. You are helping your child learn vocabulary! Your child will

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NEED NEW READING SUGGESTIONS?

Wondering what to read this October? Well worry no more because several people from the "region" have already gathered together and brainstormed ideas just for you! Books have been selected for each age level and there are even special programs around the area that correlate with each book during the months of October and November. Discussion guides as well as lists of more suggested books have also been made for you.

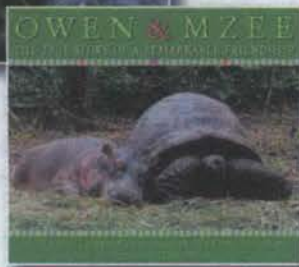
Who did all this work for you? The answer is *Books to Bridge the Region*. This reading initiative encompasses seven Northwest Indiana counties: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke. Area residents are encouraged to read books on a common theme.

Rather than selecting one book that would limit readership to a specific level of readers, the *Books to Bridge the Region* selection committee adopted a themed approach with multigenerational selections. Families can read together and readers of all ages can enjoy conversations generated by these books. In addition, this approach lends itself to varied programming that libraries, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities can offer the communities in Northwest Indiana.

The books chosen follow the theme, "The Forces of Nature: What Would You Do?"

The selected titles are:

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| Adult/Teen: | <i>Ashfall</i> by Mike Mullin |
| Middle Reader: | <i>I Survived Hurricane Katrina 2005</i> by Lauren Tarshis |
| Picture Book/Easy: | <i>Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship</i> by Craig Hatkoff |



All of the area schools will be hand delivered a 'lit kit' bag by volunteers from *Books to Bridge the Region* and the *Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition*. Inside the bag are donations of the selected books for the schools' media centers, book discussion guides, a list of ideas for classroom activities, bookmarks, and red noses for the annual "Put your Nose in a Book" event.

Author Mike Mullin will be stopping by the Merrillville Branch to talk about his book and how to survive a catastrophic event. Keep an eye out for the date this fall.

For more information and a list of events in your local area, please visit the website at www.books2bridge.org

Jennifer Burnison
Marketing Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDS



Murder at Rosamund's Gate

by SUSANNA CALKINS

JEB/MB

Lucy Campion is a servant...an intelligent servant in a good home. Which is lucky because things aren't easy in Restoration London. Especially not when servant girls are being brutally murdered. The historical detail in *A Murder at Rosamund's Gate* is fantastic.

Promise of Blood (The Powder Mage Trilogy)

by BRIAN MCCLELLAN

CH/MU

First book in a fantasy trilogy-it is very well written, has great world-building, relatable and sympathetic characters (even when you wonder if they are actually the "good" guys), plus guns, swords, magic and even a slight touch of romance. What's not to like? Highly recommended.

A Tale Dark and Grimm

by ADAM GIDWITZ

HK/CL

You know Hansel and Gretel's story...the trail of breadcrumbs, the gingerbread house, the witch that eats children. Or do you? This book will tell you so much more of this (quite grisly) story.

Red Sparrow

by JASON MATTHEWS

MM/MB

Nathaniel Nash is a CIA officer working in Putin's Russia, currently handling one of the most high level moles, codenamed MARBLE. A US senator selling secrets to a Russian diplomat. Dominika Egorova trained in the SVR's Academy of Foreign Intelligence and being blackmailed to protect her mother. Finely drawn characters and intricate plotting draw us in and keeps us reading to the end. Well done Jason Matthews!!

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan

September 3, Tuesday

4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids, along with other volunteer activities. For teens 12 and older.

History on Film

September 10, Tuesday

2 p.m.

Travel through history via the library's big screen following the career of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play Major League Baseball in the modern era.

Bubble Mania

Sept. 10 & 11, Tues. & Wed.

4 p.m.

Teens will experiment with bubbles, mixing solutions, creating bubble blowers, and snake bubbles. Bubbly snacks provided.

Books & Chat

September 18, Wednesday

6 p.m.

Readers will discuss *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers, a riveting account of one family's unthinkable struggle with forces beyond wind and water during and after Hurricane Katrina.

LOL @ the Library

Thursday, September 19

4 p.m.

Teens (11 and older) will play and create ridiculous games, props and food for lots of laughs.

Travel the World without Leaving Home

Tuesday, September 24

2 p.m.

Enjoy arm chair travel via the library's big screen visiting Hong Kong, the main center of Asian business and trade.

Teen GameFest

September 25, Wednesday

3 p.m.

Teens 11 and older are invited to play games of their choice, including PlayStation & Wii.

Cool Fun Family Story Time

September 30, Monday

6:30 p.m.

Families will make a cool ice cream sundae, while celebrating National Library Card Sign Up month with cool stories, activities and music!

Dyer/Schererville322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Stamp Class

September 10, Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided to create customized greeting cards and is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourist

September 18, Wednesday

7 p.m.

Journey to the countries of Georgia and Armenia visually via the Globe Trekker dvd series. **Registration is not required.**

Between the Lines

September 25, Wednesday

7 p.m.

or September 26, Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Investigating the disappearance of an Amish teenager, a chief of police and a state agent stumble on a dead body at the same time another girl goes missing. Join us as we discuss *Gone Missing* by Linda Castillo. **No registration required.**

Railroads -- Operation Lifesaver

September 28, Saturday

10:30 a.m.

What you don't know about trains, railroad tracks, and safety could cost you \$500, jail time, or your life. An Amtrak engineer will present invaluable information through slides and film. Recommended for all drivers and parents who want their children to learn safety near railroad tracks. **Registration is not required.**

Griffith-Calumet Twp ...838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations

September 3, Tuesday

1 p.m.

September 17, Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

The \$5 fee covers materials for personalized cards and other paper creations and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.



September's Featured Database

Novelist

Have you taken a look at LCPL's online readers' advisory database, **Novelist**, lately? You'll find **Novelist** here: <http://www.lcpln.org/learn/FindInfo/databases/databases-alphabetical.html>. Ready for help in finding a new book to read? Trying to identify award winning titles? Searching for a read-a-like while you wait for your favorite author to publish a new book? Need some questions for your book discussion group? Know a story, but can't remember the title? No matter your age, **Novelist** has reading suggestions for you!

Branch Library Happenings

StoryLovers Book Group

September 3, Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

September 4, Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Read and discuss *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter, a romantic story about a young Italian innkeeper and the almost-love affair with an American starlet that draws him into a glittering world filled with unforgettable characters.

Thursday Threaders

September 5, 12, 19 & 26,

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. until Noon

Like to cross-stitch, knit, crochet, or do any other craft? Every or any Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

September 9, Monday 1 p.m.

Fans of the TV show *Castle* are invited to read and discuss *Frozen Heat* by Richard Castle.

Movie Wednesday

September 18, Wednesday 2 p.m.

Gary Sinise, Ray Walston and John Malkovich star in this 1992 adaptation of John Steinbeck's classic novel, *Of Mice and Men*. Runtime: 110 minutes.

Banned Books Week Quiz

September 23-28, Monday to Saturday

Anytime during library open hours, answer a few questions regarding banned and challenged books this week and you might win a \$10 gift card.

Banned Books Week Movie

September 23, Monday 2 p.m.

Watch a movie adaptation of the Ray Bradbury book, *Fahrenheit 451*, that illustrates the importance of the freedom to read. Runtime: 112 minutes.

Graphic Novel Book Club

September 26, Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Teen fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run. This month we will be talking about *Flashpoint* by Geoff Johns.

Book Buddies

September 30, Monday 4 p.m.

Stewart O'Nan reveals the emotional and physical travails of an 80-year-old widow as she faces a new chapter in life. Read and discuss *Emily, Alone*.

Highland 838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/hi.htm

Computer Class - Basic Computers

September 3, Tuesday 2 p.m.

Learn the keyboard, desktop and simple word processing skills. Class size is limited. Registration is mandatory.

Computer Class - Navigating the Net

September 4, Wednesday 2 p.m.

Learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo. Class size is limited. Registration is mandatory.

Teen Book Discussion

September 4, Wednesday 3:45 p.m.

'Speed Dating with a Book' is an experiment in judging a book by its cover! We'll look at new fall books as well! **Registration not required.**

Computer Class - Library Website

September 5, Thursday 2 p.m.

This class will show participants how to effectively use the library website for the catalog, databases, and other useful sections. Must already have basic computer skills.

Computer Class - Beginning Genealogy

September 7, Saturday 11 a.m.

Discover the basics of genealogy by learning what resources the library has available. Participants must be able to use a computer.

Fiction Book Discussion

September 10, Tuesday 2 p.m.

The Foreign Correspondent is an exciting novel by Alan Furst describing Mussolini's secret police and their attempt to eliminate a newspaper editor. **Registration not required.** New members are most welcome!!

Great Decisions Discussion Group

September 10 & 24, Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Join in this discussion of the U.S. troubled relationship with Iran for more than thirty years. Can the relationship move forward? What about the existence of Iran's nuclear program?

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

September 11, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Highland Community Crime Watch is presented by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov).

Travel Film

September 16, Monday 2 p.m.

Join us on a visual journey to the heart of Italy - the metropolis of Rome.

Registration not required.

Teen 'Break it to Make it' Expands!

Sept. 16, Mon. at 6:30 p.m.

Help is needed to disassemble 'new' old computers and organize the parts for upcoming projects. Bring safety glasses if you have them!

Registration not required.

Teen Advisory Board

September 18, Wednesday 3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for Halloween and Holiday Cards for the military.

Registration not required.

Stamp Camp

September 18, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided to design and complete customized greeting cards due at the time of the class.

Please be sure to register.

Inspirational Book Discussion

September 19, Thursday 2 p.m.

Four American women, all with their own challenges, embark on a mission trip to South Africa. Join us as we discuss *Beaded Hope* by Cathy Liggett. **Registration is not required.**

Gardening Program

September 19, Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Master Gardener Dolly Foster will present a program on winter sowing and will cover how to start seeds for next year's garden.

Classic Feature Film

September 23, Monday 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

In six years of coaching, Grant Taylor has never led his Shiloh Eagles to a winning season. Please call the library for the film title.

Registration not required. (111 min.)

Mystery Book Discussion

September 26, Thursday 7 p.m.

Stumbling onto a murder scene a young detective constable realizes that the killer is taunting her with secrets from her past. Join us as we discuss *Now You See Me* by S.J. Bolton.

Registration not required.

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Ask a Librarian

Q: My grandfather has lost his sight but still wants to keep up with the news and the magazines he has always read. Do you have a service that can help him?

A: Yes, the Merrillville branch of the Lake County library system houses the Talking Books service for Northwest Indiana. To find information on this service, go to the library's homepage (lcpl.in.org) and then to the "About" link at the top. Drop down to the "Talking Books" link and click on it. You will find contact information as well as a link for an application to use the service.

Branch Library Happenings

Classic Feature Film

September 30, Monday 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Starring Shirley MacClaine and Nicholas Cage, a cantankerous, much loved ex-First Lady directs her extraordinary intelligence to a battle of wits with a Secret Service agent. Please call the library for the film title. **Registration not required.** (95 min.)

Hobart 942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/hob.htm

Adult Learning Classes

September 3 to 30,

Monday - Thursday Noon to 4 p.m.

Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language at the afternoon (12-4pm) or evening (4-8pm) session. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 672.

Travel Movie

September 3, Tuesday

2 p.m.

Hungary is a small country in the heart of Europe carrying a thousand year old past. Visit its beaches, cave spa, temples, forests, museums and beautiful capital, Budapest. Refreshments served.

Tuesdays with Movies

September 10, Tuesday

2 p.m.

History was made in 1947, when Jackie Robinson broke the professional baseball race barrier to become the first African American MLB player of the modern era. Refreshments served.

I found it on Pinterest!

September 12, Thurs. at 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

We will make a Halloween wreath. Please bring a grapevine twig wreath and a roll of 1 1/2 inch to 2 inch wide black ribbon. The rest of the supplies will be provided.

Cook this Book!

September 16, Mon. at 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

There will be a demonstration and taste test of two recipes, Spaghetti & Meatball and Five-Minute Fudge Wreath from Rachel Ray's cookbook, *My Year in Meals*.

Who Picked this Book?

September 17, Tuesday

10:30 a.m.

September 18, Wednesday

6 p.m.

In the *'Night Circus'* by Erin Morgenstern you find a fierce competition being waged between circus magicians who unexpectedly fall in love with each other. Refreshments served.

Registration not required.

Family Evening Movie

September 17, Tuesday

6 p.m.

Presented will be a major film starring Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski, based on the true story of a campaign to save a family of gray whales. Rated PG; 114 min. long. Popcorn and lemonade served.

Stamp Camp

September 19, Thursday

6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of customized greeting card supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Pancakes and Scrabble

September 21, Saturday 10 a.m. - Noon

Everyone is welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Lake Station 962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/lake.htm

Book Chat

September 5, Thursday

10 a.m.

The Lock Artist by Steve Hamilton will be discussed. Pushed into a life of crime by reason of his unforgiveable talent—lock picking—Michael sees his chance to escape, risking everything to unlock the secret that has kept him silent for so long.

English as a Second Language—Registration

Sept. 7, Sat. from 9:30 a.m. To 12:30 p.m.

Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) will offer free English language classes for those who are learning English as their second language. There is a one-time registration fee of \$20 to cover the cost of materials and supplies. Visit the library today to register, call (219) 850-4448, or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

English as a Second Language

Tues. & Thurs. Sept. 10, 12, 17, 24, & 26 5-8 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 21 & 28 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) will offer English language classes for those who are learning English as their second language. (Additional class time is available at NEO's Portage Adult Education Center.) To register, call (219) 850-4448, or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

Books to Movies

September 11, Wednesday 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Times are tough in Odessa, TX, but on Friday nights the Permian H.S. Panthers keep the town's dreams of football glory alive. **Registration not required.**

Family Nutrition Program

Sept. 13, Fri. from 11 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.

Purdue Family Nutrition Adviser discusses a variety of food and nutrition topics for adults and children, demonstrating how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods. Free samples are offered.

One on One Computer Class

Sept. 17 & 24, Tues. at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Adults can sign up for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up free email accounts, or write a resume.

Health Services for Uninsured & Under-Insured Families

September 24, Tuesday

2 p.m.

Learn about the variety of options available for families without medical and dental insurance, explaining the Hoosier Healthwise program and sliding scale fees available.

Merrillville 769-3541

1919 W. 81st Ave., IN 46410

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cnl.htm

BOOKreMARKS Online Discussion

September 1-30,

All Day

This is a month-long online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at anytime through email of Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*. To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcpl.in.org.

Free Music Program: Mercedes & Friends

September 5, Thursday

2 p.m.

Join us for a free music program filled with tunes from Broadway, country, and the Great American Songbook! Refreshments served. Ext. 317

Ask Me! I Work Here!

Sept. 9, 16, 23 & 30, Monday 2-4 p.m.

Library Staff at the Cafe Vending Area will answer questions about library materials that show up on your computer or portable device! Bring your electronics & let's figure out the answer to your question! **Registration not required.** Ext. 340

Live! Featured Database: NoveList

September 9, 16, 23 & 30, Mon. 2 p.m.

Library staff will provide a quick tour and helpful tips for the readers' advisory database, NoveList, available to library patrons of any age. **Registration not required.**

English as a Second Language

September 9-30, Mon. & Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Free classes include speaking, reading and writing English at various levels of instruction. Contact Rosella Garcia, Literacy Coordinator: leave your name and number if you are thinking about attending so we can plan for materials. Ext. 336

Interior Design Seminar

September 10, Tuesday

7 p.m.

This presentation will show 'before' and 'after' photos illustrating color and style trends, and provide creative design solutions for every room in your home. Ext. 339

Northwest Indiana Butterfly Club

September 12, Thursday

10 a.m.

Observe and learn about butterflies, gardening for butterflies, rearing, conservation and photography. Additional meetings may include field trips, presentations on host and nectar plants, butterfly identification and other topics of interest. For more information, contact Dian Fruth at dfruth@comcast.net or Laura Tucker, lauratucker2@frontier.com.

Branch Library Happenings

Paper Creations with Jolanda **September 12, Thursday**

1 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover customized greeting card materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive.

Circle of Readers

September 12, Thursday

6:15 p.m.

Book discussion of *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka, the story of a group of young women brought from Japan to San Francisco as "picture brides" nearly a century ago. **Registration not required.** Ext. 335

Fantasy Football

September 12, Thursday

6 p.m.

Learn how to create a free fantasy football team that will include the draft process, injuries, who to sit or start, and other aspects of your team. Ext. 334

Tour of Genealogy and Indiana Rooms

September 17, Tuesday

10 a.m.

Tour our new Genealogy and Indiana rooms. Get a jump start on your genealogy and/or history projects. Ext. 335

Laugh for the Health of it!

September 17, Tuesday

7 p.m.

A Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor will lead a unique exercise routine where anyone can laugh unconditionally, without jokes or comedy, to oxygenate your body, reduce stress and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed. Ext. 317

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting

September 20, Friday

9 a.m.

The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2013 reading initiative. **Registration not required.** Ext. 315

Indiana Drug Card

September 20, Friday

9:15 a.m. - Noon

The Indiana Drug Card program is designed to bring Hoosier citizens an alternative to reduce skyrocketing healthcare costs. It is available free of cost to all Indiana citizens and can be used to obtain discounts on prescription drugs and other medical services. **Registration not required.**

Identity Theft & Protecting Your Social Security Number

September 26, Thursday

12-3 p.m.

Georgiann Drake, Public Affairs Specialist from the Social Security Administration explains how to avoid identity theft and protect your social security number. There will be a Q & A session and time to answer your personal questions. Ext. 336

Dreams of Duneland: A Pictorial History of the Indiana Dunes Region

September 26, Thursday

3 p.m.

Dr. Kenneth Schoon will be discussing his latest book: *Dreams of Duneland: A Pictorial History of the Indiana Dunes Region*, which is a beautifully illustrated introduction to the Dunes region, its history, and future prospects. Ext. 374

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Sept. 27, Fri. from 10-11 a.m. & Noon-1 p.m.

Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. A light lunch will be provided from 11:30am to Noon followed by "Advanced Issues & Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease." **Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.**

Munster

836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings

September 3, Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

View a Great Courses DVD lecture series about Vikings. This month's topics include: 'From Vikings to Crusaders' and 'The Viking Legacy.'

Classic Film

September 9, Monday

2 p.m.

An upper-middle-class couple's 'ordinary' existence is irrevocably shattered by the death of their oldest son in a boating accident. Starring Mary Tyler Moore, Donald Sutherland, Timothy Hutton, and Judd Hirsch; directed by Robert Redford. Rated R; 124 minutes

Independent Film

September 10, Tues. 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

A deep relationship is forged between two women which gradually builds to have a profound effect on both of their lives, as well as the rest of the villagers in Jotumba. In Portuguese with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only. Running time 97 min. [cc]. Call the library for the film's title.

Gardening Program--

Bringing New Life to Old Gardens

September 11, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Master Gardener Dolly Foster will provide tips on how to bring an updated look to your garden.

Explore South Africa

September 19, Thursday 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

The Republic of South Africa with its diversity and unmatched natural diversity is often called 'Rainbow Country.'

Libraries and the Affordable Care Act

September 24, Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

An overview of the Affordable Care Act and the registration process will be provided.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sept. 26, Thurs. from 10 a.m. - Noon

A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration needed.**

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

September 26, Thursday

1:30 p.m.

The Story of Beautiful Girl by Rachel Simon provides a sensitive insight into a complex world of a young couple who meet at the Pennsylvania School for the Incurable and Feeble-minded.

Great Books Discussion

September 26, Thursday

7 p.m.

Readers are invited to a discourse of *Medea* by Euripides, a selection from the fourth series of Great Books.

St. John

365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Sit & Stitch

September 4 & 18, Wednesday 6-8 p.m.

Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project & gather with others who have a common thread. Join us for conversation & fun.

Word Play!

September 9 & 23, Monday

1 p.m.

Scrabble Anyone? Come join the F-U-N and spend the afternoon with fellow wordies.

Moon Called Book Discussion

September Monday

6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *The Summoning* by Kelley Armstrong. When Chloe sees a terrifying ghost, she is sent to live at Lyle House where bizarre things start to occur.

Stamp Class

September Monday

6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of customized greeting card materials provided due at the time of class.

Page Turners Book Club

September 11, Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. On the anniversary of the roundup of Jews by the French police in Paris, Julia is asked to write an article and embarks on an investigation that leads her to a long hidden family secret.

What is the National Registry of Historic Places?

September 12, Thurs. at 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Learn about the National Registry of Historic Places: which properties might qualify, what it means to own a listed property, and how to apply to have a property listed in this presentation by the IN DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. Co-hosted by the St. John Historical Society.

Master Gardener Program:

Fall Lawn Care & Maintenance

September 16, Monday

6 p.m.

Master Gardener Jim Colias will present 'Fall Lawn Care and Maintenance.' Co-hosted by the St. John Garden Club.

Big Screen Musical

September 17, Tuesday

1:30 p.m.

This musical, featuring Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, Oscar Levent and Nanette Fabray, tells the story about a has-been Hollywood dancer joining forces with a temperamental stage producer. Running time: 112 minute.

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Make & Take: Crafts for Teens
Sept. 19, Thurs. from 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Join in a night of crafts, food and fun for teens
(6th to 12th grade).

Computer Class - Meet the Mouse
Sept. 21, Sat. at 10 a.m.
Sept. 24, Tues. at 2 p.m.
Learn the basics of how to move and 'click' a
mouse effectively. Registration is mandatory.

Computer Class - Navigating the Net
Sept. 23, Mon. at 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 26, Thurs. at 6 p.m.
Learn how to find information on the Internet
using the Library's webpage, Google and Yahoo.
Registration is mandatory.

Computer Class - Basic Windows
Sept. 27, Fri. at 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 30, Mon. at 6 p.m.
Learn about basic computer terminology, Win-
dows, and basic usage of the Open Office program.
Participants must know how to use a computer
mouse. Registration is mandatory.



The Friends of the Library are selling two kinds of coupon books to generate funds that help provide programming, books, and music that are not normally available through public funding (taxes) and enables the library system to offer more to its patrons at all of the library's locations: Black Oak Branch, Cedar Lake Branch, Dyer-Schererville Branch, Griffith-Calumet Branch, Highland Branch, Hobart Branch, Lake Station-New Chicago Branch, Merrillville Branch, Munster Branch, and St. John Branch.

Available are the 2014 Entertainment Coupon Books for \$25 and the 2014 Golden Opportunities Coupon Books for \$25. Both books are on display at all branches.

The Friends of the Library also have a variety of other items available at each branch: \$.25 plastic "I Love My Library" bags; a canvas zippered triple compartment bag for \$8; a large blue double pocket carry-all tote for \$15; USB 4GB flash drives for \$8; as well as gently used books, cds, audio-books, and dvds.

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hear significantly more unusual words in books than in ordinary conversation or on TV. Talk about the pictures and words with your child. Learn together by sharing nonfiction books on topics that interest your child. Your library has many informational books for young children. Just ask!



Libraries and the Affordable Care Act

Check your local library for dates and times of programs that will help explain the Affordable Health Care Act and the registration process that will soon go into effect for all citizens.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

September

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Children's Programs



Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Fridays 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Mondays 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
or 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:15 a.m.



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Storytimes

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.,
or 2nd Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Mondays 11:15 a.m.
& 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Mon. 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Mondays 1:30 p.m.
Or 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursdays 1:30 p.m.
& 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809

www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

A Monsterous Good Time

Wednesday, September 11

4:30 p.m.

Children in grades K & Up will listen to a story or two and make up a batch of monster snacks in this program. **Preregistration is a must.**

Cool Kids Have a Library Card

Wednesday, September 18

4:30 p.m.

Celebrate Cool Kids month in this special program. Children in kindergarten and up who come and show their library cards will receive a little surprise.

Preregistration is a must.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121

www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

Crafts & More @ the Library!

Mondays through Saturdays beginning

September 3

All Day

All week long enjoy crafts and more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun @the library!

Registration is not required.

Snack & Plan

Tuesday, September 3

4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids, along with other volunteer activities. For teens 12 & older.

LEGO Mania

Thursday, September 5

4:30 - 6 p.m.

Children through 6th grade will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library Lego bricks! All supplies--and snacks--will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

STEAM Fridays

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27

All Day

Children of all ages can explore the world of the giant squid this Friday! Then every Friday we will add a new activity featuring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art

&/or Math as you have fun learning about this fascinating creature. All materials will be on hand. Have fun learning all day long. **Registration is not required.**

Bubble Mania

Tuesday, September 10

4 p.m.

Teens will experiment with bubbles. Make your own solutions and create bubble blowers, including snake bubbles. Bubbly snacks and pop, too!

Cool Kids Crafting Fun!

Saturday, September 14



10 a.m. - Noon

Children of all ages will create cool crafts in celebration of National Library Card Sign Up Month! Children who show their card, or sign up for a new one, will get a small prize and be entered into a drawing for a gift card at the end of the month.

LOL @ the Library

Thursday, September 19

4 p.m.

Teens play and create ridiculous games, props and food for lots of laughs.

Teen GameFest

Wednesday, September 25

3 to 5 p.m.



Teens 11 and older play games of your choice, including PlayStation & Wii. Snacks will be available too!

Cool Kids: Indoor Beach Party!

Thursday, September 26

4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy stories, games and other 'Fun in the Sun' activities! Bring your beach towels and remember to show your library card for a prize and to be entered for a chance at a gift card at the end of the month!

Games Galore! Cool Games for Cool Kids!

Saturday, September 28

10 a.m.- Noon

Children of all ages and their families will enjoy a variety of games, including Scrabble, Chess, Uno and much more! Children who show their library card, or get a new one, will receive a small prize and be entered into a drawing for a gift card at the end of the month.

Cool Fun Family Story Time

September 30, Monday

6:30 p.m.

Hear cool stories and have fun with cool activities and music. Make a cool ice cream sundae, too! Celebrate

National Library Card Sign Up Month! When kids sign up for a card or show the one they have, they can pick a prize! **Registration is not required.**

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

LEGO Club

**Wednesday, September 4 & Monday,
September 16**

6:30 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the Library's LEGO bricks.

Dynamite DUPLO

Thursday, September 5

10:30 a.m.

This is a 30 minute program for 2-5 year old children, with a caregiver, and includes simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

Crafts and Countries for Cool Kids

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 p.m.

Travel with us as we 'visit' a different country each month in stories, trivia games, music and crafts or food related projects. A wallet size picture may be brought to attach to your passport and stickers will be added for each country visited.



Family Story Hour

Thurs., Sept. 12 & Tues., Sept. 17

6:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-7 will enjoy approximately 1 hour of stories, songs, activities, a short film and a craft.

Power Paws for Kids

Saturday, September 21

11 a.m.

Children of all ages will have fun reading to trained dogs. There will be a variety of dogs and books may be selected by the children to read. **Registration is not required.**

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825 www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Kids Cook

Thursday, September 5

4 p.m.

Children, ages 7 to 12, will be using the microwave oven to make simple meals and snacks to share with their family. There is a charge of \$1.50 per class (\$6.00 for all

four classes) to cover the cost of ingredients. This week we will try our hand at grilling chicken and fruit kabobs.

Family Scrabble and Game Night

Thursday, September 5

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble—you are sure to increase your vocabulary. You can also choose other board games such as chess, checkers, 'Sorry' and more.

Cool Kids have Library Cards

Tuesday, September 10

3:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will celebrate National Library Card Sign-up month with a program all about sports. To enter the programing room you only need to show your library card! Fun, games and prizes.

Kids Cook

Thursday, September 12

4 p.m.



Children, ages 7 to 12, will be using the microwave oven to make simple meals and snacks to share with their family. There is a charge of \$1.50 per class for the ingredients. We will be microwaving super supper nachos.

Paper, Stamps & Ink

Saturday, September 14

11 a.m.



Paper, Stamps & Ink, an adventure into paper creation, is a new program for children in kindergarten and up to make customized greeting cards and more! There is a \$5 fee for the materials that will be used.

LEGO Mania

Monday, September 16

3:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Kids Cook

Thursday, September 19

4 p.m.

Children, ages 7 to 12, will be using the microwave oven to make simple meals and snacks to share with their family. There is a charge of \$1.50 per class for ingredients. We will be microwaving topsy-turvy apple pancakes, is it breakfast or a snack?

Magic Slates

Tuesday, September 24

3:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will look back to colonial school days and make a magic slate to take home.

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Kids Cook

Thursday, September 26 4 p.m.

Children, ages 7 to 12, will be using the microwave oven to make simple meals and snacks to share with their family. There is a fee of \$1.50 per class for ingredients. With Halloween just around the corner, we will turn on the oven and make scary eyeballs (an easy candy).

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, September 26 6:30 p.m.



Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run and then join us next month. This month we will be talking about *Flashpoint* by Geoff Johns.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394 www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 4 3:45 p.m.

Speed Dating with a Book is an experiment in judging a book by its cover! We'll look at new fall books as well! **Registration is not required.**

Family Story Hour

Tuesday, September 10 & 24 6:30 p.m.

Families and their children, 3 to 7 years old, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music and other early literacy activities.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, September 11 3:40 p.m.



School age children are invited to build with the library's LEGO blocks. Parents of children in kindergarten to grade 2 should plan to stay with their child. Each month we have a 'challenge' building theme. Children may bring a construction from home to talk about during the 'show and tell' part of the program. The structures built in this program are displayed in the library until the next meeting. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Teen 'Break it to Make it' Expands!

Monday, September 16 6:30 p.m.

We have some 'new' old computers. Help is needed to disassemble them and organize the parts for upcoming projects that will involve re-purposing and inventing stuff that really works! Bring safety glasses if

you have them! **Registration is not required.**

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 18 3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for Halloween and holiday cards for the military. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time.

Registration is not required.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243 www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night

Tuesday, September 3 6 p.m.



School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) in this one hour program, will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

A Cool Kids Celebration!

Thursday, September 5 6 p.m.

In celebration of 'Cool Kids Have a Library Card' month, preschool and school-age children are invited to join us for pizza and lemonade, board games, LEGOs, crafts, and the Reading Cave. If children bring their library card, they can get a sticker on it, select a prize from our prize basket, and participate a drawing for a gift card.

Family Evening Movie

Tuesday, September 17 6 p.m.



The Family Evening Movie will be a major film starring Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski, rated PG, and is 114 min. long. Based on a true story set in a small town in Alaska, a news reporter and a Greenpeace volunteer are on a campaign to save a family of gray whales trapped by rapidly forming ice in the Arctic Circle. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

'Talk Like a Pirate Party'

Thursday, September 19 6 p.m.



Families are invited to hunt for buried treasure, walk the plank, eat pirate grub, and of course talk like a pirate during our talk like a pirate party.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Saturday, September 21 10 a.m. - Noon

Everyone is welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble at the library. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/linc.htm

Cool Kids Have a Library Card

Mondays to Saturdays, Sept. 3 to 27 All Day

Children can participate with a library themed word puzzle. **Registration is not required.**

Scarecrows

Wednesday, September 11

6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten and up will celebrate autumn by making a scarecrow and hearing a story.



'Tween Time

Wednesday, September 18

6 p.m.

Children 10 - 12 years old will make a fall leaf sun-catcher and hear a story.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children

September 3 to 29

All Day

Children of all ages are welcome - every day, during open hours to make a craft at the craft table in the Children's Department.



Board Game Fun

Wednesday, September 4

6:30 p.m.

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play Scrabble and other fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in!

Cool Kids Celebration

Thursday, September 5

4 p.m.

School-age children, kindergarten through 5th, and families will celebrate 'Cool Kids Have A Library Card' month with stories and a craft.

LEGO Club

Monday, September 16

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Gaming Night

Wednesday, September 18

6 p.m.

Children, kindergarten to grade 6, are invited to get together to play *Wii*, *Playstation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, September 5

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

Patriot Day

Wednesday, September 11

4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten or older will listen to the story 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' and make a patriotic craft. Other games will be included.

LEGO Building

Thursday, September 12

3-7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 and 7 p.m. for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.



Stuffed Pet Sleepover

Thursday, September 26

6:30 p.m.

Cool Kids of all ages are invited to bring their stuffed pet to enjoy pre-sleepover activities. (Limit one pet per child) Owners will have to show their own library card in order to register their pet. When the pre-sleepover party is over, owners will go home and pets will spend the night in the library. The next day, starting at noon, children may pick up their pets. Each pet will receive a souvenir of their nocturnal adventures. (Be sure the 'pet' is one the child can spend the night without!)



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St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm**Cool Kids Have a Library Card Month
September 3 to 30,****All Day**

Cool Kids who show us their library card one time during the month of September will receive a sticker for their library card, select a small prize and enter a drawing for a larger prize. Come show us your library card!

Cool Kids Like Pizza!**Thursday, September 5****4:30 p.m.**

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will listen to stories about pizza and help make a pizza!

Hoo's Crafty**Tuesday, September 10****4:30 p.m.**

Children (kindergarten to 5th grade) will make owls and other autumn crafts while learning something new about art.

Cool Kids Like LEGO Blocks!**Tuesday, September 17****4:30 p.m.**

Young LEGO enthusiasts (kindergarten to 5th grade) are encouraged to use their imagination as they make LEGO creations with the library's LEGO blocks.

Make & Takes: Crafts for Teens**Thursday, September 19****6:30 p.m.**

Express yourself! Teens (6th to 12th grade) will create something and take it home. Join us for a night of crafts, food and fun!

Cool Kids Like Cookies!**Saturday, September 21****10 a.m.**

Children of all ages will listen to stories about cookies, play a game and nibble a cookie or two!

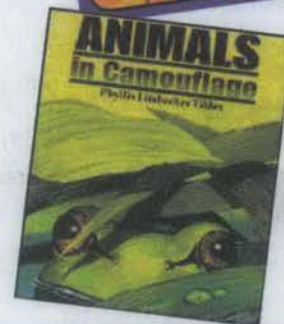
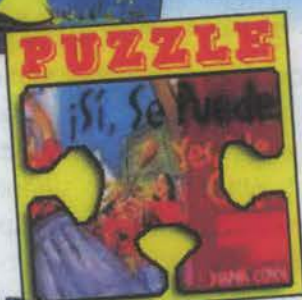
Cool Kids Family Story Time**Wednesday, September 25****6:30 p.m.**

Children and their families will listen to stories about autumn and make a craft.

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Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

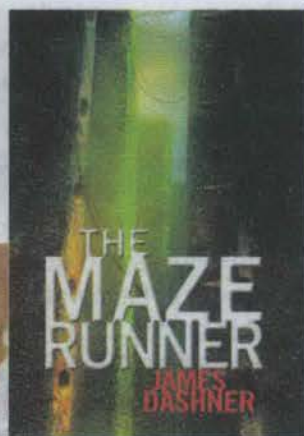
October

Library Happenings

Teens get ready for October at LCPL!



October marks the inauguration of the Teen Reads online book discussion group. We know how busy teens are with school, extracurricular activities, work and socializing so we are offering an online book discussion to make the voicing of your opinions that much easier. We know you have devoured the *Hunger Games* and are probably already on the waiting list for *Allegiant* (Divergent book #3). There is much to discuss in the books you love so here's your chance! This will be a month-long online discussion, you can join in at anytime and we'll save any spoilers until the end of the month! Send an email to teenreads@lcpln.org to sign up and get more details. Our first books will be: *Ashfall* by Mike Mullin (October), *June Bug* by Chris Fabry (November) and *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner (December). If you have the chance, be sure to stop in and take part in your local branch's in-library book discussions too! They are a great chance to mingle with other teens while discussing interesting YA books.



Teen Read Week takes place from October 13-19th. Celebrate your love of reading and "Seek the Unknown." Take this opportunity to seek out new information and explore new book genres. Love *Pride and Prejudice*? Try it in its graphic novel format. Always read dystopian fiction? Try giving the classic dystopian *Lord of the Flies* a chance. If you dare, pick up a "unknown" book from our display in Merrillville and let us know what you thought of the book for a chance to win some prizes. Seek the Unknown of your family's past by exploring your genealogy and uncovering the mysteries of the past. Check with your local branch for even more programs and for your chance to join your local Teen Advisory Board (TAB)!

You are already busy back in school so don't forget to utilize the resources that LCPL has for you. We have books, educational dvds and databases for your research projects. Most of our databases are even available from your home with a valid resident library card! Are you deciding on your National History Day topic? Come check out our Indiana Room for books with historical information relating to Indiana, its counties, and its people. Delve into our historical newspapers and see how your communities have changed. Wow your teacher and parents with what you find here and how great you can make your project!

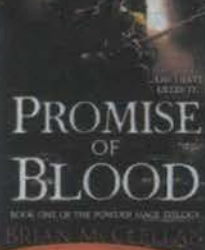
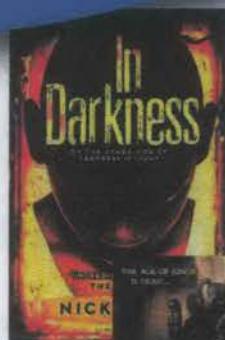
LCPL has a lot to offer the teens in our communities! We have fun programs, educational resources, book discussions, free downloadables, and so much more!

Explore our website and feel free to ask a librarian any questions you have! Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Pinterest, and check out our Teen Blogs!

Beth Lewis-Alyea Reference Librarian

Branch Library Happenings

Staff Recommends



BOOKreMARKS Online Discussion October 1 to 31

This is a month-long online book discussion through email of *The Shoemakers Wife* by Adriana Trigiani, available to anyone, anywhere at anytime of day. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more information visit www.lcpln.org/read/book-remarks-faq.html.

Online Teen Book Discussion October 1 to 31

Teens: Please join us for a month-long online book discussion for any teen, anywhere, at any time of day, of the *Books to Bridge a Region Young Adult Choice: Ashfall* by Mike Mullin. To participate send an email to teenreads@lcpln.org. For more details call Ext. 335.

In Darkness by Nick Lake

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Shorty, a Haitian street kid, is buried in rubble, hurt, with what he thinks are dead bodies all around. He remembers he was in the hospital-shot again-and thinks there's been an earthquake. It's so dark he can't see anything. He's so thirsty he's drinking the blood on the floor. He knows he's dying and so he begins to tell his story about trying to survive in the slums. His story is seamlessly woven with the story of Toussaint Louverture, who led the Haitian slaves and then the country itself to freedom in the late 1700's. This unusual storytelling works and two fascinating tales are told, both with historical accuracy. This book won the Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature.

LJ/CL

Mice by Gordon Reece

REEC

This is a great book. Once I opened it I could not put it down. It is a thriller full of suspense at the same time it is a heartfelt story about human relationships. It explores the relationship between a young girl, her peers, and her mother and her father. It highlights the current teen issue of being bullied and what extreme and shocking ways people are capable of behaving in response. All of this while pushing the boundaries of trust and security between a girl and her mother.

RC/MERR

Taco Usa: How Mexican Food Conquered America

by Gustavo Arellano

641.5972 AREL

It's not quite a history, and not a book of recipes. It's an enjoyable journey to see bits of history, how Taco Bell was founded, why tequilas north of the border are so different, and how all those recognizable brands in the grocery store started up. It's hilarious, and history that is anything but dry.

SS/SJ

The Promise Of Blood (The Powder Mage Trilogy)

by Brian McClellan

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This is the first book in a fantasy trilogy-it is very well written, has great world-building, relatable and sympathetic characters (even when you wonder if they are actually the "good" guys), guns, swords, magic, and even a slight touch of romance. What's not to like? Highly recommended.

CH/MU



Libraries & the Affordable Care Act

Check your local library for dates and times of programs that will help explain the Affordable Health Care Act and the registration process that will soon go into effect for all citizens.

Ask a Librarian

Q: Does the library have passport forms?

A: Passport forms can be found at www.travel.state.gov or by using a search engine such as Google. Enter the key words "passport forms" and then click on the link for "Passport forms Bureau of Consular Affairs US Department of State." Follow the directions on the site to complete the form. You can then print it off at home or come to any of our library branches to complete and print the form.

high-spirited octogenarian who inspires the age-old question: 'Why are we here?' in *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*. **Registration not required.**

Computer Training Program: Meet the Mouse

Thurs., Oct. 31 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Class is limited to 7 people. Registration required

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www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations

Tues., Oct. 1 1 p.m.
Oct. 15 6:30 p.m.

The \$5 fee covers materials and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group

Tues., Oct. 1 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 2 10:30 a.m.

A pilot who believes he's the last person on Earth hears a radio transmission that compels him to risk his life to seek out other survivors in Peter Heller's *The Dog Stars*.

Thursday Threaders

Thurs., Oct. 3 to 31 10:30 a.m.

Every or any Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Branch Library Happenings

Family Scrabble and Game Night

Thurs., Oct. 3 6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble, chess, checkers and more.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

Mon., Oct. 14 1 p.m.

Chief of Police Kate Burkholder asks the Amish community to help her find a missing child in Linda Castillo's *Gone Missing*.

Movie Wednesday

Wednesday, October 16 2 p.m.

Get ready for the World Series with this film, starring Brad Pitt, of how the Oakland A's general manager used statistical analysis in an attempt to assemble a winning baseball team. Runtime: 133 minutes.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tues., Oct. 22 10:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure screenings are provided by a medical professional.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thurs., Oct. 24 6:30 p.m.

Teen fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run. Doug TenNapel's *Cardboard* is this month's Graphic Novel.

Book Buddies

Monday, October 28 4 p.m.

In 1922, a few years before becoming a famous silent-film star, teenage Louise Brooks is chaperoned by Cora Carlisle. Read and discuss *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty.

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www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion

Wed., Oct. 2 3:45 p.m.

Pick up this month's book *Ashfall* by Mike Mullin at the Circulation desk and join us as we have snacks and talk about the book!

No Registration required.

Alzheimer's Disease - The Early Stages

Thur., Oct. 3 6-8 p.m.

This is first in a three part series of programs on Alzheimer's Disease for caregivers, describing the symptoms of the early stages of dementia, as well as the legal, financial and resource planning that needs to be done during this stage.

History on Film

Mon., Oct. 7 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Indiana was the 19th state to join the Union

on December 11, 1816. Refreshments served. **Registration not required.** (63 min)

Fiction Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 8 2 p.m.

Join us as we discuss Ann Patchett's *Run*, a novel that explores family, race, class, privilege, obligation, politics, religion and the afterlife.

No registration required.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Tues., Oct. 8 & 22 6:30 p.m.

Participants will discuss the role of China in Africa. What are China's interests there regarding natural resources and politics? How are U.S. relations with Africa affected?

Alzheimer's Disease - The Middle Stages

Thurs., Oct. 10 6 p.m.

Second in the series: helps caregivers learn about the relationship changes that occur in the middle-stage of Alzheimer's disease, as well as effective ways to provide personal care and manage challenging behaviors.

Teen Read Week!

Mon. - Sat., Oct. 14-19

Teens can vote for their favorite 'Top Ten Teen Book,' and make some time to read for pure enjoyment!

Teens - 'Break it to Make it'

Monday, October 14 6:30 p.m.

We have so many new computer parts for you to be artistically creative. Snacks provided. Bring safety glasses if you have them.

Registration not required.

Teen Advisory Board

Wed., Oct. 16 3:45 p.m.

Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. **Registration not required.**

Stamp Camp

Wed., Oct. 16 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Thursday, October 17 2 p.m.

The wife of a prominent Muslim is brutally murdered shortly after converting to Christianity. Join us as we discuss *Fatal Convictions* by Randy Singer. **Registration not required.**

Alzheimer's Disease - The Late Stages

Thursday, October 17 6 p.m.

Third in the series, the program has two focuses: caregivers will learn the concept of as well as learn effective ways to communicate, connect with, and provide daily care in the late stages of Alzheimer's Disease.

Branch Library Happenings

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Teen Top Ten: Book Bracketology October 1 to 31

Vote during library open hours for your favorite books nominated for Teen Top Ten of 2013.
Registration not required.

Snack & Plan

Monday, October 7 4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those (12 and older) wishing to join will have fun while earning volunteer hours.

History on Film

Tuesday, October 8 2 p.m.

In honor of NASA's National Observe the Moon Day, enjoy stepping back into the early years of moon exploration.

Gross Out

Tues. & Wed., Oct. 8 & 9 4 p.m.

Teens are invited to create creepy crafts while munching zombie snacks and drinks.

Out of this World Fall Fest

Saturday, October 12 1-3 p.m.

Teen Volunteers will host a library festival for all ages with face painting, cake walks, karaoke, pie throwing, pumpkin bowling, spooky stories, Halloween crafts and more. *Registration not required.*

Teen Read Week Scavenger Hunt

Mon., Oct 14 12:30-8:30 p.m.

Teens will follow clues that lead to the prize. All finishers win! *Registration not required.*

Teen Read Week Mystery Trivia

Wed., Oct. 16 12:30-8:30 p.m.

Solve the mini-mystery and pick a micro prize! Solve the riddle—and/or write one of your own!

Books & Chat

Wed., Oct. 16 6:30 p.m.

Readers will discuss Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk by Ben Fountain, an award-winning novel, exploring the gaping national disconnect between the war at home and the Iraq war abroad.

DIY Fairly Scary Film Fest

Thurs., Oct. 17 4 p.m.

Teens can read or tell a favorite short scary story and film it and/or make a backdrop and props, too.

Travel the World without Leaving Home

Tuesday, October 22 2 p.m.

Enjoy arm chair travel to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart, in the snow-covered Alps.

GameFest

Wed., Oct. 30 3-5 p.m.

Teens, 11 and older, may play games of choice, including PlayStation and Wii. Compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks provided!

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Independent Film

Monday, October 7 1 p.m.

Based on the novel by Carol Shields, this is a romantic comedy about the barriers facing the lucky and the unlucky in love in the 21st century. Not rated by the MPAA; adults only; in English with no subtitles. Running time: 96 minutes *Registration not required.*

Stamp Class

Tuesday, October 8 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Alzheimer's - Know the 10 Warning Signs

Monday, October 14 6 p.m.

An introductory program that provides attendees with an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss vs. Alzheimer's disease and what to do if there are signs of the disease. *Registration not required.*

Virtual Tourist

Wednesday, October 16 7 p.m.

Journey to Peru in a presentation is from this DVD series highlighting the thousand places to see. *Registration not required.*

The Invisible War Documentary

Thursday, October 17 2 p.m.

Join fellow community members of the American Association of University Women (Calumet Chapter) to view this timely documentary film that investigates the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. Refreshments and a moderated discussion follow. *Registration not required.*

Between the Lines

Wed., Oct. 23 7 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 24 10:15 a.m.

Combining unabashed emotion and side-splitting hilarity, Fannie Flagg introduces a

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Playing to Teach Early Literacy Skills

It's October and a time of year when many children especially enjoy dressing up and pretending. Play like this is an essential part of getting ready to learn to read. When your child plays and pretends, she is using language and making up stories. She is developing vocabulary and learning that stories have a beginning, middle and an end. When he uses an object in his play to represent something else, he is engaging in symbolic play. This is the same concept as early literacy—that text represents a real object. Your child is beginning to learn that the printed word means something. You can help your child develop these important early literacy skills:

- Talk with your child about her play. Ask questions. Elaborate on his answers. You will help him learn even more vocabulary!

- Encourage your child to draw her story. Fold the paper to make it into a simple book. Ask her what the story says and write it down word for word. Then ask her to "read" it to you. Activities like these help your child make the connection between what she sees and experiences and the written word.

- Make puppets together to act out a story. You can turn almost anything into a puppet—spoons, paper bags, paper and sticks, stuffed animals, & more.

Your library has many play opportunities for you and your child. Some locations offer directed play that help teach specific early literacy skills—and help you, the parent, learn more about what you can do as your child's first teacher. Storytimes are great opportunities for both you and your child to have fun while learning. Check out the library's website, www.lcpln.org for a storyhour near you.

Branch Library Happenings



English as a Second Language

Oct. 1 through Dec. 28

Tuesday & Thursday 5-8 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) will offer English language classes. Classes are free, but there is a one-time registration fee of \$20 to cover the cost of materials and supplies. To register, call (219) 850-4448 or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

Cross-Stitch with Vanessa

Wed., Oct. 2 to 30 10:30 a.m.

Beginning and intermediate cross-stitchers welcome. Please bring scissors, a cross-stitch needle, and your favorite color yarn or floss. Fabric will be provided.

Book Chat

Thursday, October 3 10 a.m.

Home Safe by Elizabeth Berg is a richly resonant story of a mother daughter in emotional transit. Check out book - read it - have opinion - eat snacks.

Books to Movies

Wed., Oct. 9 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

A security breach allows cloned dinosaurs on an island wildlife preserve to run amok in this film adapted from the novel by Michael Crichton and directed by Steven Spielberg. *Registration not required.*

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, Oct. 11 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

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Computer Class - Meet the Mouse

Tues., Oct. 1 10 a.m. - Noon

Tues., Oct. 15 2-4 p.m.

Learn the basics of how to 'click' and move the mouse effectively. Class size is limited. Registration mandatory. Ext. 340

Libraries & the Affordable Care Act

Tuesday, October 1 2 p.m.

Millions of Americans can now sign up for insurance at the Health Insurance Marketplace. Provided will be an overview, the registration process, and where you can find help. (Tip: If you have Medicare, you are already covered!) Ext. 340

Computer Class:

Make the Most of Library Computers

Wed., Oct. 2 2 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 16 10 a.m.

Learn basic computer terminology and how to use Windows and Open Office. Participants must know how to use a mouse. Class size is limited. Ext. 340

Gardening Program:

Plant Problems Welcome!

Wednesday, October 2 3 p.m.

Nikky Witkowski, Extension Educator from Purdue University, will wrap up the year with tips. Please feel free to bring any problems you currently have and she will try to diagnose them on the spot! Ext. 317

English as a Second Language

Monday & Wednesday,

October 2 6:30-8:30 p.m.

November 13 6:30-8:30 p.m.

English classes include speaking, reading and writing English at a variety levels of instruction are offered free of charge. Contact Rosella Garcia, Literacy Coordinator (Ext. 336) for details.

Computer Class: Email Essentials

Thursday,

October 3 2-4 p.m.

October 10 & 24 10 a.m.-Noon

If you are applying online for health insurance at the Health Insurance Marketplace, you'll need an email address. Learn to set up a free email account and how to send and receive email safely. Class size is limited. Ext. 340

Friends' Members

Preview Fall Book Sale

Thurs., Oct. 3 4 to 7 p.m.

The annual fall book sale is open to 'Friends' of Lake County Public Library only. New members may join that day in order to get a look on all the special books available before it is open to the public. Memberships are \$5/Individual, \$10/Family, \$15/Sponsors, or \$100/Lifetime. Ext. 317

Computer Class:

Navigating the Internet

Fri., Oct. 4, 10 a.m. To Noon

Learn how to use the Internet to find information. Class size is limited. Ext. 340

Annual Friends Fall Book Sale

Fri., Oct. 4 1-4 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 5 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The annual Fall book sale is open to everyone with over 10,000 books, cds, videos and more. Ext. 317

Career Cruising

Database Demonstration

Mon., Oct. 7 to 28 2 p.m.

Librarians present the new online resource, *Career Cruising*, every Monday right before the 2-hour Q&A on library downloadable resources, "Ask Me! I Work Here!" This live demonstration will last approximately 15 minutes.

Introduction to Ancestry

Library Edition

Tuesday, October 8 10 a.m.

Get to know our database Ancestry Library Edition in this program detailing the basics of using this reputable genealogy database. Please bring some of your own research to use for practice. Limited to 7 participants. Ext. 335

Friends of LCPL Meeting

Tuesday, October 8 1 p.m.

The Friends of Lake County Public Library Board meeting takes place. All members of the 'Friends' or those interested in joining may attend. Ext. 317

Northwest Indiana Butterfly Club

Thursday, October 10 10 a.m.

Learn about gardening for butterflies, rearing, conservation and photography. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Dian Fruth at dfruth@comcast.net or Laura Tucker, lauratucker2@frontier.com.

Paper Creations with Jolanda

Thursday, October 10 1 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Circle of Readers

Thurs., Oct. 10 6:15 p.m.

Readers will discuss *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin. A forensic pathologist is summoned by King Henry II to prove the innocence of a small community of Jews wrongly accused of murdering four children. *Registration not required.* Ext. 335

Movie Time

Saturday, October 12 1:30 p.m.

View the story of baseball legend, Jackie Robinson, who paved a new road for minorities as the first African-American to play in Major League Baseball. Rated PG-13 ; 128 minutes. Registration not required. Ext. 212

Teen Read Week

Monday, October 14 to 19

Teens come join us for Teen Read Week: Seek the Unknown...Pick a Mystery book! Ext. 335

Branch Library Happenings



Travel Film

Mon., Oct. 21 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Journey takes us to the island province of Phuket, Thailand, an ideal place for tourism with of its natural beauty, climate, exotic culture, and its hospitable people. **Registration not required.**

Mystery Book Discussion

Thursday, October 24 7 p.m.

Detective Carl Merck has been selected to run Department Q, with a stack of cold cases to keep him company. Join us as we discuss *The Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olsen. **Registration not required.**

Classic/Feature Film

Mon., Oct. 28 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

This film is the unforgettable account of a family caught, with tens of thousands of strangers, in the mayhem of one of the worst natural catastrophes of our time: starring Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor. **Registration not required.**

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Coffee Break Tuesdays

Tues., Oct. 1 to 29 10 a.m. - Noon

Adults and teens are invited for a coffee or tea on us. Sit back and relax at your library with a cup of java and a good book.

Adult Learning Classes

**Mon. to Wed., October 1 to 30,
Noon to 4 p.m. or 4 to 8 p.m.**

Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at Ext. 672.

Travel Movie

Tuesday, October 1 2 p.m.

Travel to South Korea, Seoul, Jeju Island and other places in this country full of history.

Book Giveaway

October 5 to 31, Mondays thru Saturdays

To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Tuesdays with Movies

Tuesday October 8 2 p.m.

Based on Jane Austen's beloved novel about the five single Bennet sisters, a proper English family is turned upside down when the wealthy Mr. Bingley and his best friend Mr. Darcy arrive.

I Found it on Pinterest!

Thurs., Oct. 10 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

We will be making picture snow globes. Bring two or more photos, all other supplies will be provided. A refreshment and it's recipe from Pinterest will be provided.

Teen Read Week Scavenger Hunt

Mon. to Sat., Oct. 14 to 19

Teens may participate in a scavenger hunt around the library in books and on the internet to solve the riddles and win a prize.

Who Picked This Book?

Tues., Oct. 15 10:30 a.m.

Wed., Oct. 16 6 p.m.

Willa Cather's *O'Pioneers* is the story of Alexandra Bergson, a young Swedish immigrant

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girl, who inherits her father's Nebraska farm and must transform it from raw prairie into a prosperous enterprise. **Registration not required.**

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, October 17 4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 5 and up) are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board to plan future programs, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

Stamp Camp

Thurs., Oct. 17 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Sat., Oct. 19 10 a.m. - Noon

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble at the library.

Teen Gaming

Tuesday, October 22 4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 4 and up) are invited to play video games on the Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

Lake Station962-2409

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Libraries & the Affordable Care Act

Wednesday, October 2 6 p.m.

October begins the time for Americans to sign up for insurance at the Health Insurance Marketplace. Provided will be an overview, the registration process, and where you can find help. (Tip: If you have Medicare, you are already covered!)

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Career Cruising

**October's
Featured
Database**



Whether you're 18 or 48 years old, sometimes we all wonder what we want to be when we grow up! Are you a people-person? Do you like to tinker with mechanical devices? **Career Cruising** offers online skills assessments to determine which careers would be worth exploring further. Which schools offer the type of courses that you need to live your dream? Will your dream job offer you career-satisfaction and a healthy salary? These are all questions that can be answered with the click of a mouse at **Career Cruising**. Save your dream plan with a simple log in and even make a backup plan! This online resource is offered by LCPL at www.lcpl.in.org; head to the Learn section and then to Databases.

See demonstrations of **Career Cruising** every Monday at 2 pm at the Merrillville Branch Library!

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Computer Class - Navigating the Net
Tuesday, October 8 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 10 6 p.m.

Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using the library's webpage, Google and Yahoo. With limited seating, registration starts 2 weeks prior to each class date.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, October 9 6:30 p.m.

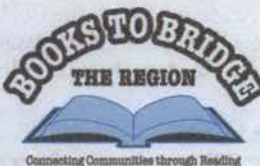
In *Ape House* by Sara Gruen a scientist and a reporter set out to rescue a family of bonobo apes, who can communicate through American Sign Language, and were kidnapped to appear on a reality tv show.

Master Gardener Program
Monday, October 14 6 p.m.

Co-hosted by the St. John Garden Club, Master Gardener Dolly Foster will present 'Winter Sowing, Seed Starting Made Easy.'

Big Screen Musical
Tuesday, October 15 1:30 p.m.

View this star-packed musical biography about the Oscar winning composer Jerome Kern who created the memorable music for *Showboat* and *Lady Be Good*. Running time: 135 minutes.



The 2013 selected titles are:

Adults & Teens: *Ashfall* by Mike Mullin

Middle Reader: *I Survived Hurricane Katrina 2005* by Lauren Tarshis

Picture book/Easy Reader: *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* by Craig Hatkoff

This year's theme is "Forces of Nature: What Would You Do?"

The kick-off event will be combined with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition's *Time Out for Reading: "Put Your Nose in a Book and Read!"* All of the books are available for check-out at each of Lake County Public Library's 10 locations.

In addition, the author of *Ashfall*, Mike Mullin, will host a special presentation on October 24th at 6:30 p.m. on 'How Taekwondo is Like Writing.' He will discuss writing, supervolcanoes, and finish by breaking a concrete block with his bare hand!

For more information about your area events, please visit the website: www.books2bridge.org.

Make & Takes: Crafts for Teens
Thursday, October 17 6:30 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th grade) will create a special craft in this evening filled with food and fun.



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Branch Library Happenings

Laugh for the Health of it!

Tuesday, October 15 7 p.m.

A Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor will lead a unique exercise routine where anyone can laugh unconditionally, without jokes or comedy, to oxygenate your body, reduce stress and change your mood. No mats or yoga postures needed. Ext. 317

Computer Class:

Health Insurance Marketplace

Thurs., Oct. 17 or 24 1-3 p.m.

Tour the Health Insurance Marketplace at www.healthcare.gov. Get assistance setting up your account and getting started on your search for health insurance. Participants must have an email account. Ext. 340

Free Music Program:

Celebrate Oktoberfest

Thursday, October 17 2 p.m.

Join us for a special Oktoberfest music program filled with lively 'oom-pa-pa' music. Mary Beabout will sing, play the electric violin and clog. Ext. 317

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting

Friday, October 18 9 a.m.

The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2014 reading initiative. Anyone in the 'Region' communities are welcome to the table! Ext. 315

Introduction to

Medicare & Medicaid

Thursday, October 24 4 p.m.

Georgiann Drake, Public Affairs Specialist from the Social Security administration will present a general overview of Medicaid and Christel Snow, representing SHIP will discuss Medicare. There will be a Q & A session and time to answer personal questions. Ext. 336

Author Mike Mullin Presentation

Thursday, October 24 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Books to Bridge the Region, author of the novel *Ashfall*, Mike Mullin, will do a presentation on 'How Taekwondo is Like Writing.' He will discuss writing, supervolcanoes, and finish by breaking a concrete block with his bare hand!

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease

Fri., Oct. 25 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. A lunch will be provided from 11:30am to noon, followed by "Advanced Issues & Strategies." Please register by calling toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Munster.....836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

A Night at the Opera

Wed., Oct. 2 6:30 p.m.

Margaret Fournier of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Othello* by Giuseppe Verdi. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Independent Film

Tues., Oct. 8 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

In Italian and Mandarin with English subtitles, this film is the story of how a delicate friendship and bond that transcends two very different, yet not at all distant cultures, is threatened. Not rated; adults only. Running time 98 min. [cc].

Beyond Great Books

Wednesday, October 9 7 p.m.

Join a discussion on selections from Plato's *Republic* by Plato in which he constructs his ideal city to discover wherein justice lies.

Registration not required.

Classic Film

Monday, October 14 2 p.m.

This spellbinder is both a love story and taut thriller. Jane Fonda swept 1971's best actress honors, including the Academy Award, the Golden Globe, and the New York Film Critics Award. Directed by Alan J. Pakula. Rated R; 114 min. [cc].

A Night at the Opera

Wed., October 16 6:30 p.m.

Larry Lapidus of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Madam Butterfly* by Giacomo Puccini. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Explore Buenos Aires

Thurs., Oct. 17 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Discover one of South America's most exciting and vibrant cities and capital of Argentina... Buenos Aires.

Blood Pressure Screening

Thurs., Oct. 24 10 a.m. - Noon

A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration needed.**

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

October 24 1:30 p.m.

The Good Father by Noah Hawley is an intense, psychological novel about a doctor's suspenseful quest to unlock the mind of a suspected, political assassin - his twenty-year-old son.

A Night at the Opera

Wed., Oct. 30 6:30 p.m.

Michael Fish of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Parsifal* by Richard Wagner. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Great Books Discussion

Thursday, October 31 7 p.m.

Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Spirit of Capitalism* by Max Weber, a selection from the fourth series of Great Books.

St. John.....365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Computer Class - E-Mail Essentials

Tuesday Oct. 1 6 p.m.

Monday Oct. 7 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Oct. 9 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to safely set-up a free email account to send and receive email safely. With limited seating, registration starts 2 weeks prior to each class date.

Computer Class - Meet the Mouse

Wednesday, October 2 10:30 a.m.

Learn the basics of how to move and 'click' a mouse effectively. With limited seating, registration starts 2 weeks prior to class date.

Sit & Stitch

Wednesdays, October 2 & 16 6 p.m.

Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread. Join us for conversation & fun.

Computer Class - Basic Windows

Thursday, October 3 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 5 10 a.m.

Learn basic computer terminology, Windows and basic usage of the Open Office program. Participants must know how to use a computer mouse. With limited seating, registration starts 2 weeks prior to each class date.

Moon Called Book Discussion

Monday, October 7 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Dracula*, by Bram Stoker. In this 1897 Gothic horror classic we are introduced to the vampire, Count Dracula, as he attempts to move from Transylvania to England.

Stamp Class

Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of provided customized greeting card materials. Payment is due at the time of class.

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Online Teen Book Discussion October 1 to 31

Teens: Please join us for a month-long online book discussion (available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day) of the Books to Bridge a Region Young Adult Choice: *Ashfall* by Mike Mullin. Under the bubbling hot springs and geysers of Yellowstone National Park is a super volcano. It could just be overdue for an eruption, which would change the landscape and climate of our planet. To participate send an email to teenreads@lcplin.org. For more details call 769-3541, Ext. 335.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcplin.org/branches/bo.htm

Witches' Brooms & Zombie Eyes

Wednesday, October 9

4:30 p.m.

A spooky time will be had by children in kindergarten and older in this program. Preregistration is a must.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Crafts & More @ the Library!

Mondays through Saturdays, October 1-31

All month long during library open hours enjoy crafts and more for all ages. Included will be early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun @the library! *Registration is not required.*

Teen Top Ten: Book Bracketology

Mondays through Saturdays, October 1-31

Vote for your favorite books nominated for Teen Top Ten of 2013. Voting will be sports-bracket style, so vote each week! Pick a small prize when you submit a one-sentence (or longer!) review or create a book jacket! *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Mania

Thursday, October 3

4 p.m.

Children through 6th grade will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library LEGO bricks! All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

STEAM Fridays!

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25

All Day

Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math, enjoy exploring the night sky. *Registration is not required.*

Snack & Plan

Monday, October 7



4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older) will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids, along with other volunteer activities.

Gross Out

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 8 & 9 4 p.m.

Teens are invited to help create a creepy, snotty pumpkin; make an awesome, disgusting (and fake) wound; recreate the digestive system, and more. Enjoy eating zombie brains, monster snot, carrot fingers, and bloody zombie drinks. Yum!

Spooky Arts and Crafts

Saturday, October 12



10 a.m. - Noon

Children of all ages will create artwork with a spooky twist to prepare for Halloween.

Seek the Unknown:

Teen Read Week Scavenger Hunt

Monday, October 14

All Day

Teens will follow the clues that lead to the prize - look in different rooms, in books, magazines, on the web, the blog, and Facebook. Show what you know and be the first to win the grand prize. All finishers win! *Registration is not required.*

Seek the Unknown Teen Read Week Mystery Trivia

Wednesday, October 16

All Day

Teens can solve the mini-mystery and pick a micro prize! Solve the riddle - and/or write your own! *Registration is not required.*

DIY Fairly Scary Film Fest

Thursday, October 17



4 p.m.

Teens can read or tell a favorite short, scary story and film it. Or...create your own performance of Thriller. If you want, make a backdrop and props, too.

Out of This World Fall Fest

Saturday, October 19



1 - 3 p.m.

In celebration of Teen Read Week, members of the library's Teen Volunteers will host a library festival for all ages. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, pie throwing, pumpkin bowling, spooky stories, library golf, a variety of games, and Halloween crafts are among the many activities participants will enjoy. *Registration is not required.*



October

Children's Programs

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
or 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Storytimes

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

3rd & 4th Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.,
or 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
& 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Mon. 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st & 3rd Mon. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

4th Thursday 1:30 p.m.
& 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st, 3rd, 5th Tues. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Halloween Party Tuesday, October 22



1 p.m.

Children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to a Halloween party to hear Halloween stories, make a ghost craft, enjoy a snack and go trick-or-treating. Children may come in costume. Please bring 25 wrapped treats for the trick-or-treating.

Graphic Novel Book Club Thursday, October 24



6:30 p.m.

Teen fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run and then join us next month. Doug TenNapel's *Cardboard* is this month's Graphic Novel.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394 www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Family Story Hour Tuesday, October 8 & 22

6:30 p.m.

Families and their children, 3 to 7 years old, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music and other early literacy activities.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, October 9



3:30 p.m.

School age children are invited to build with the library's LEGO blocks. Each month there is a 'challenge' building theme and their structures will be displayed until the next meeting. Children may also bring a construction from home for the 'show and tell' part of this program. Parents of children in kindergarten to 2nd grade should plan to stay in the room with their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Halloween Party Saturday, October 26



2-4 p.m.

It's that spooky time of year and kids from kindergarten and up are invited to attend our scary afternoon of games, Halloween foods, and creepy guests! Hosted by the Teen Advisory Board. Come if you dare!! Wear your costumes. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243 www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night Tuesday, October 1



6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) in this one hour program will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

School Age Program-Theater Thursday, October 3

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will learn some acting tips. Any child interested in theater should come to this program. We will do some simple improv exercises and simple scene work. Refreshments will be served.

Book Giveaway

Mondays through Saturdays, October 1-31 All Day

Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books for teens and children from our book sale room during library open hours. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Book review forms are available at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Saturday, October 19

10 a.m. - Noon

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble at the library. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Halloween Pumpkin Painting Thursday, October 24



6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to paint a Halloween pumpkin. Bring your own pumpkin and we will supply the paint.

Evening Pajama Movie Tuesday, October 29



6 - 8 p.m.

After unexpectedly losing his beloved dog Sparky, young Victor harnesses the power of science to bring his best friend back to life with just a few minor adjustments. Rated PG with a running time of 87 minutes. Children are invited to wear their pajamas, bring their sleeping bag, pillow and a stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. *Registration is not required.*

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/lanc.htm

Books to Movies

Wednesday, October 9



2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

A security breach allows cloned dinosaurs on an island wildlife preserve to run amok, endangering the team of experts invited to evaluate the park's safety. If you have not guessed the title of this film, adapted from the novel by Michael Crichton and directed by Steven Spielberg, call the library and we will let you in on the secret. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. *Registration is not required.*

Monster Mayhem Thursday, October 24



4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy stories, games and more with a monster twist!

Games Galore! Saturday, October 26

10 a.m. - Noon

Children of all ages and their families will enjoy a variety of games, including Scrabble, Chess, Uno and much more!

Slightly Spooky Family Fun Monday, October 28



6:30 p.m.

Enjoy and participate in 'Halloween-ish' stories, from creepy carrots to giant pumpkins. Create a paper pumpkin of your own and have fun with carrot stamping. If you wish, wear a costume. We will have a Halloween parade and a scavenger hunt for treats too! *Registration is not required.*

Play Party

Tuesday, October 29

10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Children of all ages will hear a story, sing, dance, and play with library toys and blocks. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and join the parade through the library.

GameFest

Wednesday, October 30

3 - 5 p.m.

Teens 11 and older play electronic games of their choice, including *PlayStation & Wii*. Compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks will be served too!

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731

www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

LEGO Club

Wednesday, October 9



6:30 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Dynamite Duplos

Thursday, October 10

10:30 a.m.

This 30 minute program for 2-5 year old children with a caregiver includes simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

Family Story Hour

Thursday, October 10

6:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-7 will enjoy approximately 1 hour of stories, songs, activities, a short film and a craft.

Power Paws

Saturday, October 19

11 a.m.

Children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. All ages welcome. *Registration is not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Family Scrabble and Game Night

Thursday, October 3

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble—you are sure to increase your vocabulary. In addition, we will also have chess, checkers and more available to play.

Fire Safety Program

Monday, October 7

6 - 7:30 p.m.

This is Fire Prevention Week, so Fire Chief Roy Schoon returns with a fire safety program for children of all ages and their parents.

Friendship Puzzles

Tuesday, October 8

4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will hear the story *Owen & Mzee: the True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*, then make a friendship picture puzzle to take home. Children are encouraged to bring a friend or a favorite stuffed animal.

Paper, Stamps & Ink

Saturday, October 12

11 a.m.

Paper, Stamps & Ink, an adventure into paper creation, is a new program for children in kindergarten and up to make customized greeting cards and more! There is a \$5.00 fee for the materials provided.

LEGO Mania

Monday, October 21

3:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Griffith Branch Continued on Pg. 4

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm**Howling Like the Wolf!****Thursday, October 3****4:30 p.m.**

Children (kindergarten to grade 5) will listen to stories and legends about werewolves, play games and make a craft. Please register.

**Time Out for Reading Family Story Time****Friday, October 4****10 a.m.**

Children and their families will listen to some fun stories, put their nose in a book and make a craft.

Creepy Crafty Kids**Tuesday, October 8****4:30 p.m.**

Kids will make some fun Halloween crafts and learn something new about art. Please register.

**Amazing LEGO****Tuesday, October 15****4:30 p.m.**

Young LEGO enthusiasts (kindergarten to grade 5) are encouraged to use their imagination as they make LEGO creations with the library's LEGO blocks. Please register.

**Make & Takes: Crafts for Teens****Thursday, October 17****6:30-8 p.m.**

Express yourself! Teens (6th-12th grade) will create something and take it home. Join us for a night of crafts, food & fun! Please register.

Boo Bash! Family Story Time**Wednesday, October 23****6:30 p.m.**

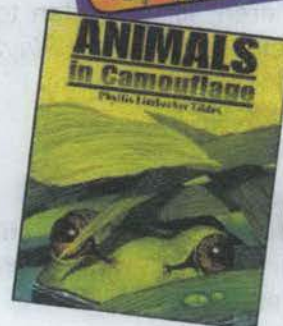
Children of all ages and their families will enjoy Halloween games, stories and treats. Children may wear Halloween costumes for this fun event. Please register.



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Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Spooky Spiders Wednesday, October 9



6 p.m.

Get ready for Halloween! Children in kindergarten and will make spiders and hear a Halloween story.

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, October 11 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and their children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

'Tween Time

Wednesday, October 16



6 p.m.

Children 10 - 12 years will celebrate Halloween by making a mummy and hear a story.

Family Story Time

Wednesday, October 23

6 p.m.

Families can enjoy a Halloween story time that will include stories, songs and finger plays.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

9-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Board Game Fun

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 p.m.

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play fun board games! Family members are welcome to join in!

Teen Read Week

Monday through Saturday, October 14 - 19

All Day

Teens come join us for Teen Read Week: Seek the Unknown....Pick a mystery book. *Registration is not required.* Call Ext. 335 for details.

Gaming Night

Wednesday, October 16

6 p.m.

Children, kindergarten to grade 5, are invited to get together to play *Wii*, *PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

LEGO Club

Monday, October 21



4 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Fall Fun!

Thursday, October 24

4 p.m.

Children, kindergarten to grade 5, will have a fantastic time making fall crafts and snacks and hearing fall stories!

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, October 3

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

Frankenstein's Workshop

Wednesday, October 9



4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten or older are invited to Frankenstein's workshop where we will be building our own monsters. Stories and games will be also included.

Registration is not required.

LEGO Building

Thursday, October 10

3-7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 and 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

Fall Movie Break

Friday, October 25



2-3:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Hotel Transylvania, Dracula's lavish five-stake resort, where monsters and their families can live it up, free from meddling from the human world. Catering to all of these legendary monsters is no problem for Drac, but his world could come crashing down when one ordinary guy stumbles on the hotel. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Rated PG with a running time of 91 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

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November

Library Happenings

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING
ARTS
MATH

STEM, STEAM...Say Whaaaat?

The Common Core—and libraries? Millions of jobs are unfilled each year because not enough applicants have the prerequisite skills. These skills include science, technology, engineering, or math. Not enough students, especially girls, enter these fields. (Judy Cheatham, Reading Is Fundamental) We need to interest children in these fields and you and the library can help. Even very young children can be introduced to these topics. Many informational books, library databases, and websites offer information, activities - and, yes - experiments for our youngest minds! Add the 'A' to STEM and use art to help children learn, too. The library has many books with art activities related to science. Imagine that - art & science! What a fun way to learn!

Children learn by doing. Young children are naturally curious. Help your child observe, explore, and experiment. The exploration often involves all components of STEM or STEAM.

At the Cedar Lake Branch we started STEAM Fridays! in September with an exploration of the giant squid. Activities included floating and sinking (science), building a squid and other ocean animals (technology, engineering, and art) and measuring (math). The giant squid has the largest eye in the ocean and many children built a model of one! In October we explored the moon and stars in recognition of NASA's *National Observe the Moon Night*. This month we will explore Mars as NASA launches its Mars exploration mission, MAVEN.

In addition to specific STEAM activities, all library locations offer programs that incorporate one or more areas of STEAM. We've had programs about bubbles, weather, water, color, science, and more. In October the Cedar Lake Branch had a Play Party that featured building, along with other activities. And most locations offer a monthly LEGO program, too.

So encourage young curious minds. Check out some of our great nonfiction books for children. Ask your librarian for help choosing what interests your child. We have something for everyone. STEAM on over!

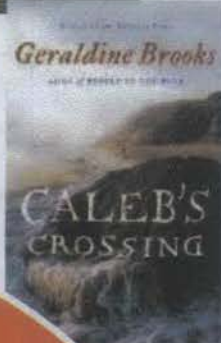
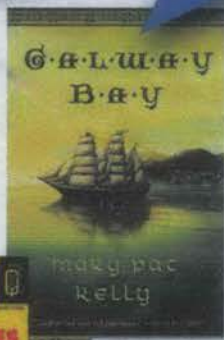
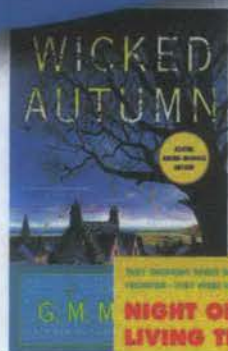
@ the Library

Linda Johnsen • Cedar Lake Branch Manager

Branch Library Happenings



Staff Recommends



BOOKreMARKS Online Discussion November 1 to 30

This is a month-long online book discussion through email of *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown, available to anyone, anywhere, at anytime. To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more details visit www.lcpln.org/read/book-remarks-faq.html.

Online Teen Book Discussion November 1 to 30

Teens: Please join us for a month-long online book discussion available at anytime from anywhere of: *June Bug* by Chris Fabry. To join the discussion, send an email to teenreads@lcpln.org. For more details call 769-3541, Ext. 335.

Wicked Autumn by G.M. Malliet

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A cozy mystery with some depth: Max Tudor is now a vicar in a quaint village but he was once MI5. When the village's busybody is found dead and suicide appears unlikely, Max helps the police investigate by talking to his fellow villagers and observing. Other characters are not well developed, at least in this first installment, but their conversations sometimes rise above the usual gossip. Similar in tone to Martin Walker's Bruno, Chief of Police series. (4 stars)

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Galway Bay by Mary Pat Kelly

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This is my all-time favorite book! I cannot say enough good things about Kelly's masterpiece. She follows Honora Keeley and Michael Kelly through courtship, marriage and family. You will struggle along with them through the hardships of dealing with landlords, exorbitant rents and the suffering caused by the potato blight. Will the family withstand a move away from Ireland and can America give this family a new start? You will NOT be able to put this book down!

BA/ME

Night Of The Living Trekkies

By Kevin David Anderson and Sam Stall

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If you're only going to read one Star Trek/zombie movie this year, this is the book! Jim is the disillusioned manager of a Houston hotel that's hosting a Star Trek convention, when the convention-goers start turning into zombies. Will any of the red-shirts survive? Will Jim find the hidden trove of bat'leths?? And why is Princess Leia crossing genres?!? The book is filled with inside jokes and trivia, and won't be everyone's cup of Earl Grey. I thought it was very humorous and a fast read. If you're enough of a Trekker to get the jokes, then set phasers on fun!

Caleb's Crossing By Geraldine Brooks

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This novel is based on true events. Growing up in the tiny settlement of Great Harbor amid a small band of pioneers and Puritans, Bethia Mayfield yearns for an education that is closed to her due to her gender. As soon as she can, she slips away to explore the island's glistening beaches and observes its native Wampanoag inhabitants. At twelve, she encounters Caleb, the young son of a chieftain, and the two forge a secret friendship. This is one of the best historical novels I've read.

SG/Hi



Libraries & the Affordable Care Act

Check your local library for dates and times of programs that will help explain the Affordable Health Care Act and the registration process that will soon go into effect for all citizens.

Branch Library Happenings

Every **CHILD**
Ready to **READ**
• your library •

Black Oak 844-8809

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary IN 46406
www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Health Insurance Help for You

Friday, November 15 3-5 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the myths of Obamacare (Affordable Health Care Act) and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law! Please register.

Cedar Lake 374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

STEAM Fridays!

Fridays, November 1 to 29 All Day

Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math, enjoy exploring life on Mars! All ages will learn about NASA's MAVEN mission to Mars this month with many fun activities all month long! **Registration is not required.**

Snack & Plan

Monday, November 4 3:30 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will have fun while earn volunteer hours. For teens 12 and older.

Got Health Insurance?

Tuesday, November 5 1 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the myths of Obamacare (Affordable Health Care Act) and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse

Wed., Nov. 6 or Tues. Nov. 19 1 p.m.

Learn the basics of using the computer. Practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and using the keyboard.

Computer Class: Basic Windows

Wed., Nov. 6 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19 2 p.m.

This beginning level class will teach users about the keyboard, parts of the computer, and basic word processing, including editing. Space is limited.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net

Friday, November 8 or 22 1 p.m.

Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, & other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Basics of Email

Monday, November 11 1 p.m.

Participants will learn the basics of using email, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments.

History on Film

Tuesday, November 12 2 p.m.

Travel through history via the library's big screen following the Vietnamese conflict told through letters of American service personnel and illustrated with news footage, home movies, and still photos.

Life on Mars

Tuesday, November 12 & 13 4 p.m.

November marks the NASA launch of MAVEN to explore Mars. Teens will craft to explore NASA's Mars MAVEN mission, create a planetary garden, creature, exploding volcano, and an edible model.

Genealogy Basics

Monday, Nov. 18 1p.m. & 6:30p.m.

Discover the information available on the Internet for tracing their ancestors, using the library's *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases.

Books & Chat

Wednesday, November 20 6:30 p.m.

Readers will discuss *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green, about a cancer patient who must reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

Computer Capers

Thursday, November 21 4 p.m.

Teens are invited to play games, create art, & go on a scavenger hunt, all on the library's laptop computers!

Travel the World without Leaving Home

Tuesday, November 26 2 p.m.

Enjoy arm chair travel to Vietnam, a 2,700 year old country with so much natural beauty.

Teen GameFest

Wednesday, November 27 3-5 p.m.

Teens (11 & older) play games of your choice, including *PlayStation* & *Wii*. Compete in tournaments for prizes.

Dyer/Schererville 322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film

Monday, November 4 1 p.m.

Three very different women who meet in Zurich, form a relationship that will change them in ways never anticipated. This film is not rated by the MPAA; adults only; in German, Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian with English subtitles [cc] Running time: 81 minutes. **Registration is not required.**

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Teaching Early Literacy Skills with STEAM

STEAM into learning with your child! Use Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math to help your child be ready for school—and ready to learn to read, too! Helping your child observe the world around him and encouraging her natural curiosity will increase his background knowledge. Talking about the world around him helps him learn, too. Both practices teach *Narrative Skills*, which is an essential early literacy skill and will help your child want to learn to read. It will also make learning to read easier. It's always more fun to read about something that is at least a little familiar.

Preschoolers are natural scientists. Model scientific behavior. Discuss what scientists do.: observe, predict, check. Ask questions.

Try some of these activities:

- Use magnifying glasses and look at your face in the mirror. Draw what you see. This is 'observing'.
- Explore surface tension with bubbles. Experiment with different bubble mixtures. Add art (the 'a' in STEAM) by adding food color to the bubble mixture to make bubble pictures. What happens when colors are mixed?
- Play with floating and sinking—have children predict whether rocks will float or sink. Add art by using painting with gravity and rock activities.
- Build—use blocks, LEGOs—or even make your own from paper bags and newspapers! Building teaches a number of important skills and encourages talking & playing—both essential early literacy practices!

The library has many books with activities and information for you to share with your child. Just ask! We have something for everyone! Use STEAM and the library to help teach your child the necessary early literacy skills she needs to be ready to learn to read!

Ask a Librarian

Q: Do you have copies of old newspapers at the library? I'd like to find an article about my grandmother which was in the paper in 1925.

A: Yes, we have old newspapers on microfilm which go back to the early 20th century. The microfilm room is adjacent to the Genealogy room. Staff can help you locate a roll of microfilm and place it on the reader if you need help doing so.

Computer Training Program:

Meet the Mouse

Wednesday, Nov. 6 1:30 p.m.

Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Class is limited to 7 people.

Computer Training Program:

Basic Windows

Thursday, Nov. 7 1:30 p.m.

Learn computer terminology and about the Windows-like environment. Learn beginning skills for word processing. Participants must have basic mouse skills. Class is limited to 7 people.

Teen Movie Break

Saturday, November 9 2 p.m.

Teens getting ready for the second movie depicting the action of *The Hunger Games* books! Teens are invited to join us in the library to view the original film presentation of this blockbuster adventure. Rated PG-13 — Inappropriate for children under the age of 13. Registration is required.

Computer Training Program:

Basic Windows

Mon. & Tues., Nov. 11 & 12 1:30 p.m.

Learn computer terminology and about the Windows-like environment. Learn beginning skills for word processing. Participants must have basic mouse skills. Class is limited to 7 people.

Stamp Class

Tuesday, November 12 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Branch Library Happenings

Got Health Insurance??

Wednesday, Nov. 13 2-4 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the myths of Obamacare (Affordable Health Care Act) and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Computer Training Program:

Navigating the Net

Thurs./Mon./Tues., Nov. 14/18/19 1:30 p.m.

Explore and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Participants must have mouse skills. Class is limited to 7 people.

Virtual Tourist

Wednesday, November 20 7 p.m.

Journey to Budapest, Slovenia and Croatia. This presentation is from the DVD series, Rick Steve's Europe. **Registration is not required.**

Computer Training Program:

Open Office

Thursday, Nov. 21 1:30 p.m.

Learn to use features of the free slide presentations and spreadsheet available in Open Office. Space is limited to 7 people.

Tweens & Teens Design T-Shirts

Monday, Nov. 25 5 p.m.

Bring a t-shirt (white or color); we supply the paint, beads, examples, etc. to create a one-of-a-kind shirt. Be sure to register.

Computer Training Program:

Cat-a-log Care,

Taming the Library Catalog

Tuesday, Nov. 26 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to search the library catalog, access your patron record, request materials, and make lists of materials for your personal use. Class size is limited to 7 people.

Griffith-Calumet Twp ...838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319

www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations

Tuesday, November 5 1 p.m.

Tuesday November 19 6:30 p.m.

The \$5 fee covers materials and is due at the time of the class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group

Tuesday, November 5 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6 10:30 a.m.

J.R. Moehringer brings Willie Sutton, American's most successful bank robber, back to life

in a story that blends fact with fiction. Read and discuss Sutton with other readers.

Thursday Threaders

Thurs., Nov. 7, 14, 21 10:30 a.m.

Every or any Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, November 7 6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble, Uno, checkers, chess and more.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion

Monday, November 11 1 p.m.

Read and discuss *The Last Policeman*, a pre-apocalyptic murder mystery by Ben Winters.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesday, November 19 10:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure screenings offered by medical representatives.

Movie Wednesday

Wednesday, November 20 2 p.m.

Helen Mirren portrays Queen Elizabeth II in the aftermath of Princess Diana's tragic death. Run time: 103 minutes.

Ask Me! I Work Here!

Wednesday, November 20 4-6 p.m.

Library Staff will answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device! Bring your toys, connect to our wireless and let's figure out the answer to your question! **Registration is not required.**

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, November 21 6:30 p.m.

Teen fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to check out this book discussion of *Agnes Quill: An Anthology of Mystery* by Dave Roman.

Eye Screening

Saturday, Nov. 23 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Griffith Lion's Club will offer free eye-screening to both children and adults. The simple screening takes just five minutes.

Book Buddies

Monday, November 25 4 p.m.

Letters entrusted to a teen hotel clerk could reveal a murder in Jennifer Donnelly's *A Northern Light*.



WiFi available

Branch Library Happenings



Highland 838-2394

2841 Jewett St. Highland, IN 46322
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film

Monday, Nov. 4 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

This historical tour of the world's most fabled and famous tower begins with the engineer behind it, Gustave Eiffel. *Registration is not required.*

Holiday Cards for Service Members

Monday, November 4 6:30-8 p.m.

In conjunction with the American Red Cross, everyone is invited to make holiday cards in support of our service members and veterans.

Teen Book Discussion - Charlie Brown

Wednesday, Nov. 6 3:45 p.m.

Teens are invited to join in a fun discussion about Charlie Brown and Snoopy! *Registration is not required.*

Libraries and the Affordable Care Act

Thursday, November 7 2-4 p.m.

Sign up has begun for the Health Insurance Marketplace. Librarian Debbie Rzepczynski will provide an overview of the program, the registration process, and where you can find it. *Registration is not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion

Tuesday, November 12 2 p.m.

A poor Southern tobacco farmer's cells, taken without her knowledge, prove to be one of the most important tools in medicine. Join in this discussion of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Tuesdays, Nov. 12 & 26 6:30 p.m.

Assessing threats to the U.S.: What, if anything, puts the American way of life at risk? We will take a look at potential threats including pandemics, China, and cyber threats.

Highland Crime Watch Meeting

Wednesday, November 13 6:30 p.m.

All residents are welcome to the Highland Community Crime Watch presided by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov).

Teen Book Cafe Blog

Thursday, November 14 6 p.m.

Teens who want to help update the Highland Teen Blog are welcome to stop in, work on, and submit their postings. *Registration is not required.*

Travel Film

Mon., Nov. 18 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Among our many stops in Scotland will be visits to Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Crail, Dundee, Glamis Castle, and Loch Ness. *Registration is not required.*

Alzheimer's Assoc. Program - Elder Law

Tuesday, November 19 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's Association of NWI will present a free program on elder care law. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, Nov. 20 3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Camp

Wednesday, November 20 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class.

Inspirational Book Discussion

Thursday, November 21 2 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Wildflowers from Winter* by Katie Ganshert, a romantic beauty-from-ashes story with believable characters and a realistic view of life's challenges. *Registration is not required.*

Mystery Book Discussion

Thursday, November 21 7 p.m.

A Scotland Yard inspector investigates the murder of a popular colonel and his alleged killer, a decorated war hero and close friend of the Prince of Wales. Join us as we discuss *A Test of Wills* by Charles Todd.

Registration is not required.

Classic /Feature Film

Monday, Nov. 25 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Soon to be fathers-in-law of an engaged couple, Alan Arkin and Peter Falk star in this 1979 comedy (103 minutes run time). Please call the library for the film title.

Registration is not required.

Hobart 942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

November 1-30

Each month the Hobart Branch Library will give away free books for adults, teens, and children from our book sale room anytime during library open hours. Pick up a book review form at the circulation desk.

Adult Learning Classes

Monday & Wednesday, November 4 to 20 Noon - 4 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, November 5 to 26 Noon - 4 p.m.

Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language at either the Noon to 4pm or 4 to 8pm sessions. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 672.

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Britannica SmartMath Practice

November's Featured Database



November's Featured Database is one especially for the kiddos (but we challenge Mom & Dad to try it too) -- **Britannica SmartMath Practice!** Check it out and try to earn stars, win challenges and unlock new practice pals! Play -- practice -- work at the level that is best for you. **SmartMath** covers kindergarten to grade-8 math levels. Each level has different topics, such as adding, subtracting, rounding and fractions. Explore math concepts with many fun activities! See **SmartMath** at www.lcpl.in.org; head to the Learn section and then to Databases.

Everyone's invited to **Britannica SmartMath Practice** demonstrations each Monday at 2 pm at the Merrillville Branch Library.

Branch Library Happenings



Coffee Break Tuesdays

Tues., Nov. 5-26 10 a.m. - Noon & 4-6 p.m.
Adults and teens are invited to sit back and relax at your library with a cup of java and a good book. **Registration is not required.**

Travel Movie

Tuesday, November 5 2 p.m.
Travel to the sites in Peru: Lima, Cuzco, Macchu Picchu, the Nazca lines and Lake Titicaca.

Got Health Insurance?

Wednesday, November 6 6-8 p.m.
Join us as we unravel the myths of Obamacare (the Affordable Health Care Act) and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Tuesdays with Movies

Tuesday, November 12 2 p.m.
Overcome by grief with the death of his brother, Charlie takes a job at the cemetery to spend time with him each night...until he falls in love. Rated PG 13. Call the library for the film's title.

Teens and Tweens Tie-Dye

Wednesday, November 13 5 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens will use Sharpies to tie dye clothing. Bring a shirt or socks to tie dye.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Saturday, Nov. 16 10 a.m. - Noon
Everyone is welcome to enjoy breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Who Picked this Book?

Tuesday, November 19 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 20 6 p.m.
Join us as we discuss *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley, following an eleven-year-old, aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, who must exonerate her father of murder. **Registration is not required.**

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 21 4 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board that plans programs, talks about books, and earns volunteer hours.

Stamp Camp

Thursday, November 21 6:30 p.m.
There is a \$5.00 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Teen Gaming

Tuesday, November 26 4 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens are invited to play video

games on the Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games.

Lake Station962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/lanc.htm

English as a Second Language

Saturdays, Nov. 2-30 9:30 a.m.
Tues. & Thurs., Nov. 5-26 5 p.m.
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) will offer English language classes for those who are learning English as their second language. To register, call (219) 850-4448 or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

Book Chat

Thursday, November 7 10:15 a.m.
A 1941 letter reaches its destination in 1992 with powerful repercussions in the romantic thriller, *The Distant Hours* by Kate Morton.

Got Health Insurance?

Friday, November 8 10:30 a.m.
Join us as we unravel the myths of Obamacare (Affordable Health Care Act) and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, November 8 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
The Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics for adults and children, preparing quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Computer Class - Meet the Mouse

Monday, November 11 6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 19 2 p.m.
Learn the basics of how to 'click' and move the mouse effectively. Class size is limited.

Computer Class - Basic Computers

Wednesday, Nov. 13 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 18 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 20 2 p.m.
Learn the keyboard, desktop, and simple word processing skills. Basic mouse skills required. Class size is limited

Books to Movies

Wednesday, Nov. 13 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Arthur Dent experiences some hilarious misadventures as he explores the galaxy after the destruction of earth in this entertaining adaptation of the popular novel by Douglas Adams. **No registration required.**

Computer Class - Navigating the Net

Thursday, November 14 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 21 2 p.m.
Monday, November 25 6 p.m.
Learn to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo. Basic mouse skills required. Class size is limited, and registration is mandatory.

Health Services for Uninsured & Under-Insured Families

Tuesday, November 26 2 p.m.
The Community Outreach Coordinator from NorthShore Health Centers will discuss a variety of options available for families without medical and dental insurance, explaining the Hoosier Healthwise program and sliding scale fees available for uninsured and under insured families.

Merrillville.....769-3541

1919 W. 81st Ave., IN 46410
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cnl.htm

Live! Featured Database Britannica Smartmath

Mondays, Nov. 4-25 2-2:15 p.m.
The database, Britannica SmartMath, is one especially for the kiddos grades 1 to 8, but we challenge mom & dad to come for tips and tricks to outsmart the little and not-so-little ones.

Ask Me! I Work Here!

Mondays, Nov. 4 to 25 2-4 p.m.
Library staff at the cafe vending area are ready to answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device! Bring your electronics and let's figure out the answer to your question!

Gardening Program

Wednesday, November 6 3 p.m.
Master Gardener, Sharalynne Pasztor, will do a presentation on the 'Renaissance Gardens of Italy.' This is part of a monthly gardening series that is held the first Monday of the month. Ext. 317

Overview of IU Northwest's Calumet Regional Archives

Monday, November 11 2 p.m.
The Archivist and curator of the Calumet Regional Archives will discuss the scope of the Archives collection, types of materials, how they're stored and preserved, and how to access the Archives' holdings. **Registration not required.** Ext. 338

Charities: Give, But Give Wisely

Tuesday, November 12 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the Better Business Bureau Standards for Charitable Accountability that assist donors in making sound giving decisions and to foster public confidence in charitable organizations. Ext. 336

Branch Library Happenings



Northwest Indiana Butterfly Club Thursday, November 14 10 a.m.

Observe and learn about butterflies, gardening for butterflies, rearing, conservation and photography. For more information, contact Dian Fruth at dfruth@comcast.net or Laura Tucker, lauratucker2@frontier.com.

Paper Creations with Jolanda

Thursday, November 14 1 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Circle of Readers

Thursday, November 14 6:15 p.m.

Readers will discuss *Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure, and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II* by Mitchell Zuckoff that describes the 1945 odyssey of three plane crash survivors in New Guinea who endured a harrowing journey through the jungle to seek help. Ext. 338

Local Author Book Fair

Saturday, November 16 1-4 p.m.

Stop by any time between 1 to 4 pm to shop for books written by our local authors. Over 20 authors will be on hand to sell, sign, and read from their books!

Laugh for the Health of it!

Tuesday, November 19 7p.m.

A Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor leads a unique exercise routine where anyone can laugh unconditionally, without jokes or comedy, to oxygenate your body and reduce stress. Ext. 317

Got Health Insurance??

Thursday, November 21 6-8 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the myths of Obamacare (the Affordable Health Care Act) and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law! Ext. 340

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting

Friday, November 22 9-11:30 a.m.

The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2014 reading initiative. Anyone in the 'Region' is welcome to the table! Ext. 315

Munster.....836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321

www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Life Coaching

Wed., Nov. 6 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A retired psychologist and current life coach will present a 12 minute laser coaching session where participants can go from stuck to unstuck and/or provide feedback to the group.

Meet Author Marjorie Sharmat

Saturday, November 9 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring their children to meet well-known children's author Marjorie Sharmat, known for the enormously popular 'Nate the Great' series. Don't miss this special opportunity!

Classic Film

Monday, November 11 2 to 4 p.m.

When a newspaper tycoon dies, a magazine reporter interviews his friends in an effort to discover the meaning of his last words. This 1941 film won the Academy Award for best original screenplay. Not rated. Call the library for the film's title.

Independent Film

Tuesday, Nov. 12 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

A young man commits a hit and run and cannot bring himself to confess. The situation proves to be more complicated than expected. In French with English subtitles; not rated; adults only. [cc]. Call the library for the film's title.

A Night at the Opera

Wednesday, November 13 6:30 p.m.

George Meschel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *La Traviata* by Giuseppe Verdi. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Beyond Great Books

Wednesday, November 13 7 p.m.

Join a discussion on selections from Plato's *Republic* in which he constructs his ideal city to discover wherein justice lies. These selections put his search for justice into the context of his life, mission, and beliefs. **Registration is not required.**

Got Health Insurance?

Tuesday, November 19 2 to 4 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the myths of Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Blood Pressure Screening

Thursday, Nov. 21 10 a.m. - Noon

A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration needed.**

Great Books Discussion

Thursday, November 21 7 p.m.

Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Misanthrope* by Moliere, a selection from the fourth series of Great Books.

Explore Wales

Thursday, Nov. 21 2p.m. & 7 p.m.

Viewers visit Wales to find its roots, listen to music, speak to people, and see sheep farms, mountains, beaches, castles, and other ancient and modern monuments.

St. John.....365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Moon Called Book Discussion

Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.

Join us in this paranormal fiction genre book discussion of 'A Taste of Nightlife' by Sarah Zettel.

Stamp Camp

Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.

Express your creativity with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided.

Sit & Stitch

Wednesday, November 6 6-8 p.m.

Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project to gather with others who have a common thread.

Master Garden Program

Monday, November 11 6 p.m.

Master Gardener Susan Eleuterio will present 'Folk Beliefs & Garden Lore.' This program is co-sponsored by the St. John Garden Club.

Need Health Insurance?

Tuesday, November 12 10 a.m.

Thursday, November 14 6 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the myths of the Affordable Health Care Act and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Page Turners Book Club

Wednesday, November 13 6:30 p.m.

Join us for conversation and fun as we discuss 'Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet' by Jamie Ford.

Big Screen Musical

Tuesday, November 19 1:30 p.m.

This musical extravaganza featuring Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jordan tells the story of a wealthy playboy who grooms a youthful courtesan in Paris society. Running time: 116 minutes.

Make & Take: Crafts for Teens

Thursday, November 21 6:30 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th grade) will create a special craft in an evening filled with food and fun.

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November

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Children's Programs



**MOTHER GOOSE
ON THE
LOOSE!**

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development & motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
or 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
& 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Mon. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd Thursday 1:30 p.m.
4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10: a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd & 4th Tues. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm

Turkey Surprise

Wednesday, November 13

4:30 p.m.

Come and celebrate Lake County Public Library's Children's Book Week in this story and craft program. Children in kindergarten and up will listen to the book 'Turkey Surprise'. Preregistration is a must.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm

STEAM Friday!

Fridays, November 1 to 29

All Day

Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, enjoy exploring life on Mars! In November NASA will launch the MAVEN mission to explore Mars. All ages will learn more about the mission and Mars with many fun activities all month long! **Registration is not required.**

Crafts & More @ the Library!

November 4 to 29

All Day

Enjoy crafts and more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun@ the library! **Registration is not required.**

Snack & Plan

Monday, November 4

3:30 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older) will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens & younger kids, along with other volunteer activities.

LEGO Mania

Thursday, November 7

4:30-6 p.m.

Children through 6th grade will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library LEGO bricks! All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

I'm Thankful For - Craft Day

Saturday, November 9

10 a.m. - Noon

Children of all ages will create artwork about things for which they are thankful, including books, as we celebrate the Lake County Public Library's Children's Book Week!

Life on Mars

Tuesday, November 12 & 13

4 p.m.

November marks the NASA launch of MAVEN to explore Mars. Teens will craft to explore Mars here on earth creating

a 'Mars garden,' a Mars creature (with UV beads), exploding a Martian volcano, and concocting an edible model of Mars.

Computer Capers

Thursday, November 21

4 p.m.

Teens are invited to play games, create art, and go on a scavenger hunt, all on the library's laptop computers!

Games Galore!

Saturday, November 23

10 a.m. - Noon

Children of all ages and their families will enjoy a variety of games, including Scrabble, Chess, Uno and much more!

Fabulous Food Fun

Monday, November 25

6:30 p.m.

Children of all ages will enjoy a celebration of food with stories, crafts, and, of course, a snack.

Teen GameFest

Wednesday, November 27

3 - 5 p.m.

Teens (11 & older) play games of your choice, including PlayStation & Wii. Compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks will be served!

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm

LEGO Club

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 p.m.

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Dynamite DUPLOs

Thursday, November 7

10:30 a.m.

This 30 minute program for 2-5 year old children, with a caregiver, includes simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

Afternoon Movie Break

Saturday, November 9

2 p.m.

We are getting ready for the release of the second movie depicting the action of The Hunger Games books! Teens are invited to join us in the library to view the original film presentation of this blockbuster adventure. Please be advised that the film is rated PG-13 — Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under the age of 13. Registration is required.

Family Story Hour

Thursday, November 14

6:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 3-7 will enjoy approximately an hour of stories, songs, activities, a short film and a craft.

'Tweens and Teens Design T-Shirts

Monday, November 25

5 p.m.

Middle school and high school students: bring a t-shirt in white or your team's color. We will supply the paint, beads, examples, etc. for you to create a one-of-a-kind shirt.

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825 www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm

Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, November 7

6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble, Uno, checkers, chess and more.

Paper, Stamps & Ink

Saturday, November 9

11 a.m.

Children in kindergarten and up are invited to make customized greeting cards and more! There is a \$5.00 fee due at the time of the class for materials.

Hunger Game Keychains

Tuesday, November 12

6 p.m.

Young adults, ages 11 and older, are encouraged to read the novel *Catching Fire* before seeing the film. We will talk about the book and then make a series of key chains to take home.

LEGO Mania

Monday, November 18

3:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Library Ghost

Tuesday, November 19

4 p.m.

Children, kindergarten to grade 6, will hear some grave yard stories and then make a bone pen for 'ghost writing.'

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, November 21

6:30 p.m.

Teen fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run and then join us next month. We will be discussing *Agnes Quill: An Anthology of Mystery* by Dave Roman.

Eye Screenings

Saturday, November 23

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

As Children's Book Week comes to a close, the Griffith Lion's Club will offer free eye-screening for both children and adults. The simple screening takes five minutes. All children will get to choose a book to take home.



WiFi available

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394 www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion - Charlie Brown

Wednesday, November 6

3:45 p.m.

Teens (grade 6 and up) are invited to join in a fun discussion about Charlie Brown and Snoopy! Bring your favorite Charlie Brown books. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Family Story Hour

Tuesday, November 12 & 26

6:30 p.m.

Families and their children, 3 to 7 years old, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, a craft and other early literacy activities.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, November 13

3:30 p.m.

School age children are invited to build with the library's LEGO blocks. Their structures will be displayed until next meeting. Children may bring a construction from home for the 'show and tell' part of the program. Parents of children in kindergarten through 2nd grade should plan to stay in the room with their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Teen Book Cafe Blog

Thursday, November 14

6 p.m.

Teens (grade 6 and up) who want to help update the Highland Branch's Teen Blog are welcome to stop in, work on, and submit their postings. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, November 20

3:45 p.m.

Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. We'll do a bit of blogging too! Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243 www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

Book Giveaway

November 1-30

Each month the Hobart Branch will give away free books for teens and children from our book sale room anytime during library open hours. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. Pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Kids Craft Table

November 4-30

All Day

Anytime during library open hours children can make a craft

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at our kids craft table. Stop by the circulation desk for the supplies. Registration is not required.

LEGO Night

Tuesday, November 5

6 p.m.

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party

Thursday, November 7

6 p.m.

We will be celebrating the release on the 8th *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book at this party. School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will play games, talk about the books and take a picture with Greg! Please be sure to register for this event.

Teens and 'Tweens Tie-Die

Wednesday, November 13

5 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 4 and up) will use Sharpies to tie dye clothing. Bring a shirt or socks to tie dye.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Saturday, November 16

10 a.m. - Noon

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble at the library. Enjoy breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Family Evening Movie

Tuesday, November 19

6 p.m.

Welcome to Hotel Transylvania, Dracula's lavish five-star resort, where monsters and their families can live it up and no humans are allowed. Families are welcome to attend this 2012, hour and a half, PG rated movie where children may wear their pajamas and bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 21

4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 5 and up) are invited to join Hobart's Teen Advisory Board. Plan future programs, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours. All teens are welcome and don't forget to bring a friend! Snacks will be served.

Teen Gaming

Tuesday, November 26

4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 4 and up) are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks will be provided.

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Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409 www.lcpln.org/branches/lcnc.htm

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, November 8

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics for adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Books to Movies

Wednesday, Nov. 13

2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Who said science fiction isn't funny? Arthur Dent experiences some hilarious misadventures as he explores the galaxy after the destruction of earth in this entertaining adaptation of the popular novel by Douglas Adams. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. **No registration required.**

Book Walk

Wednesday, November 13

6 p.m.

Children (preschool through grade 6) are invited to celebrate Children's Book Week by participating in a Book Walk. All participants in this game will have the opportunity to receive a book.

Indian Corn

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 p.m.

Children (kindergarten and up) will make an Indian Corn craft and hear a story.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Board Game Fun

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 p.m.

Children in 2nd to 5th grade will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in!

Celebrate LCPL's Children's Book Week with the New Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book!

Thursday, November 14

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd to 6th grade will celebrate LCPL's Children's Book Week by hearing parts of the brand-new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book: *Hard Luck!* Participants will also play related games and make a Wimpy Kid craft.

LEGO Club

Monday, November 18

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd to 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Gaming Night Wednesday, November 20



6 p.m.

Children in 2nd to 6th grade are invited to get together to play Playstation 2, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Kids Art Club

Thursday, November 21



4 p.m.

Children in 2nd to 6th grade will learn how to draw and paint in this one hour, monthly art club.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450

www.lcpllin.org/branches/mu.htm

The Day My School Supplies Took Over! Wednesday, November 6

4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten or older will listen to *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt and *The Little Red Pen* by Janet Stevens. Afterwards, we will playing games with school supplies and make our own pencil buddies.

Registration not required.

Power Paws for Reading Thursday, November 7

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

Meet Author Marjorie Sharmat Saturday, November 9

1:30 - 3 p.m.

Children of all ages (parents and grandparents, too) are invited to meet Marjorie Sharmat, well-known author of more than 100 children's books, including the enormously popular 'Nate the Great' series. Ms. Sharmat will share stories behind some of her beloved characters. Don't miss this special opportunity!

LEGO Building

Thursday, November 14



3 - 7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

Fall Movie Break

Friday, November 29



2 p.m.

Long before they were lurking in closets for a living, Mike and Sulley were just two 'scaring' majors at Monsters University, dreaming of the day they would make children shriek in terror. When their heated competition to be the most fearsome in their class gets out of hand, they are ejected from the prestigious Scare Program, and forced to seek the aid of oddball friends to get their education back on track. Families can take a break, bring snacks, and enjoy a film on the big screen. Rated G; running time: 95 minutes. *Registration not required.*

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379

www.lcpllin.org/branches/sj.htm

Mustache Tales

Thursday, November 7

4:30 p.m.

Kids from kindergarten to 5th grade will enjoy stories about wacky mustached characters and the funny things they do. They will play a game with shaving cream, make a craft and get a mustache prize.

Crafty Kids Club

Tuesday, November 12



4:30 p.m.

Young artists (kindergarten to grade 5) will explore different ways to create art.

Amazing LEGO Blocks

Tuesday, November 19



4:30 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts (kindergarten to grade 5) are encouraged to use their imagination as they make LEGO creations with the library's LEGO blocks.

Make & Take: Crafts for Teens

Thursday, November 21

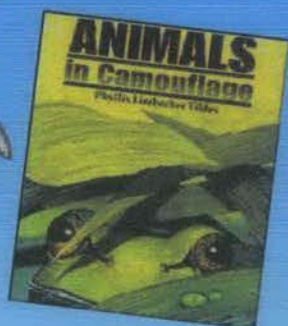
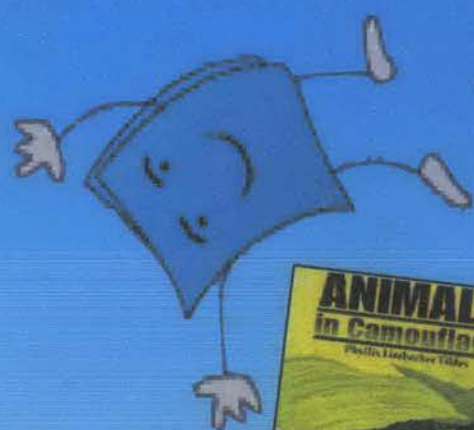
6:30 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th grade) will create a special craft in an evening filled with food and fun.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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December

Library Happenings

We Are Here to Serve You!

Do you have a question for class, interested in learning more about a hobby, or just looking for that next great read? Well, you've come to the right place! Education, information, and recreation are all part of the library's mission. Check out all these other ways we work to serve you...

Have you ever come to the library to look for a particular item and found that it wasn't even in our collection? The good news is that this isn't the end of the road. You can ask to fill out a *Purchase Request/Interlibrary-Loan* form. This means that you can ask the library to purchase a specific item and add it to our collection, or we could try to borrow this item from another library for you.

E-readers such as Kindles, Nooks, and Readers as well as smart phones have become very popular with library patrons because you can get books, magazines, and music all at your fingertips. But sometimes these can be confusing and you may have trouble downloading something from our collection to your device. Now the great news is that you can always turn to Lake County Public Library for help! In fact, the Merrillville Branch hosts an "Ask Me! I Work Here!" program every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the cafe area. This means that every Monday we have librarians waiting for questions about any device and they can sit with you one-on-one to help you with any question you may have. Of course, if you can't make it to this program, you can always call us or go online via our *Ask-a-Librarian*. This is a great way for our patrons to ask questions when the library is closed. We make every attempt to answer your question within 24 hours.

Do you have a question regarding our policies or do you have an idea of how the library can better serve you? Perhaps you feel there is an area of the library that could be improved? We are always looking for better ways to serve our communities. Your suggestion, question, or comment may be just the thing that will spark a fresh idea or make your experience at the library that much better. At every branch location we have patron comment cards available for you to fill out and if you include your contact information you will receive a personal reply.

Another awesome service that we provide are our fantastic free programs! We have programs for all ages throughout our branches year-round. These include a variety of school and family-oriented programs, book discussions, programs to guide you through our databases or online catalog, and programs meant to be just plain ol' fun! Check out the programs we offer right here in the *Happenings*.

So remember..... Lake County Public Library is always here for you!

Joleen Bonner • Librarian, Merrillville Branch

BOOKreMARKS Online December 1-31

This is a month-long online book discussion available to anyone at anytime from anywhere through email of *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham. To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcpln.org. For more details visit www.lcpln.org/read/book-remarks-faw.html.

Online Teen Book Discussion December 1-31

Teens: Please join us for a month-long online book discussion of: *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner available at anytime from anywhere. To join the discussion, send an email to teenreads@lcpln.org. For more details call 769-3541, Ext. 335.

Branch Library Happenings

Happy Holidays

Cedar Lake374-7121

10010 E. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan

Monday, December 2 4 p.m.

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older) will have fun while earning volunteer hours.

Computer Class:

Open Office Presentations

Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to make simple presentations using Open Office, similar to Microsoft's Power Point.

Computer Class:

Using the Library Online

Wednesday, December 4 2 p.m.

Learn how to use the library's web page to find information using the online catalog to locate materials, request items, renew items checked out, and explore databases from home.

History on Film

Tuesday, December 10 2 p.m.

Travel through history via the library's big screen discovering soldier, statesman, and powerful yet modest patriot, George Marshall.

Sweet Times

Tues. & Wed., Dec. 10 & 11 4 p.m.

Teens will make candy, cupcake fondue and hot chocolate, too! Make candy for library programs & earn volunteer time. Box some up to take home for gifts, too!

Books & Chat

Wednesday, December 18 6:30 p.m.

Readers will discuss *Ashfall* by Mike Mullin. In the aftermath of a Yellowstone super volcano Alex must survive in a transformed landscape and a new society in this 2013 Books to Bridge the Region selection

Dyer/Schererville322-4731

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/ds.htm

Independent Film

Monday, December 2 1 p.m.

This interestingly bizarre story finds three people searching for love in the oddest ways on the frozen plains of North Dakota. Not rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In English with no subtitles.

Registration is not required.

Outsmarting Investment Fraud

Wednesday, December 4 1 p.m.

View a DVD prepared by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation on how to outsmart investment fraud with Connie Kann of the Better Business Bureau who will answer your questions about the bureau's services.

Got Health Insurance??

Thursday, December 5 2 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the misconceptions of the Affordable Care Act and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Stamp Class

Tuesday, December 10 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided to design customized greeting cards with rubber stamps. Please bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourist

Wednesday, December 18 7 p.m.

Journey to Munich, the Foothills of the Alps, the Black Forest, and Cologne.

Griffith-Calumet Twp ...838-2825

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
www.lcpl.in.org/branches/gr.htm

Holiday Surprise Books

December 2 to 20

Our gift to you is a selection of books, selected and wrapped by staff (no peeking!) to enjoy through the holiday season without worrying about overdue fines.

Winter Warm-Up

Mon., Dec. 2 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 11 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Take a break and enjoy a free cup of coffee, hot tea, or cocoa.

Paper Creations

Tuesday, December 3 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee for materials to create customized greeting cards with paper, rubber stamps and ink.

StoryLovers Book Group

Tues., Dec. 3 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 4 10:30 a.m.

When he receives a letter from an old acquaintance, Harold Fry decides not just to write back but to deliver the letter in person, on foot. Enjoy *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce with other readers.

Thursday Threaders

Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Every or any Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Family Scrabble Night

Thursday, December 5 6 p.m.

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing scrabble and other board games.

Got Health Insurance??

Tuesday, December 10 6 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the myths of the Affordable Care Act and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Meet the Mouse

Thursday, December 12 6:30 p.m.

Mondays, December 16 & 30 2 p.m.

Friday, December 27 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to hold the mouse, click and scroll and move the mouse pointer with better precision by filling out sample forms as practice. Class size is limited.

Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesday, December 17 10:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure screenings provided by medical representatives.

Computer Basics

Tuesday, December 17 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18 6 p.m.

Friday, December 27 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31 10 a.m.

Learn basic information about parts of the computer, the keyboard, terminology, Window features and basic word processing skills. Mouse skills required.

Graphic Novel - Double Play

Tues. & Thurs., Dec. 17, 19 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 27 2 p.m.

Teens will watch the first two Batman movies and compare to the book. An encore takes place on Friday for those that missed the first 'double play.'

Movie Wednesday

Wednesday, December 18 2 p.m.

Decrease holiday stress with the laugh-out-loud antics of the Griswolds in this month's movie feature. Runtime: 97 minutes

Navigating the Web

Thursday, December 19 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31 2 p.m.

Thursday, December 26 6 p.m.

Learn about the web and how to search

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it using Google and Yahoo. Mouse skills required. Class size limited.

1904 World's Fair. *Registration is not required.* (1944, 113 min)

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Hobart942-2243

100 N. Main St. Hobart, IN 46342
www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm

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Singing & Rhyming

In December we hear lots of music most places we go. Music & singing are terrific for helping your child get ready to learn to read! The rhythm, rhyme, and notes in the lyrics and music help your child hear the smaller sounds in words. Music also helps your child learn vocabulary, letter knowledge & narrative skills!

- Sing the alphabet song so your child begins to become familiar with letters.
- Clap out the rhythm to a song to help your child hear the syllables in the words.
- Make simple musical instruments—like shakers from small plastic bottles with rice inside.
- Babies love to bounce. Try this rhyme while bouncing Baby on your knees:

Trit, Trot to Boston,
 Trit, trot to Lynn.
 Take care, baby,
 Don't fall in!
 (Part knees, and gently let baby slip
 between legs while holding her.)

- Sing *Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes* while tapping each part as you sing.
- Sing nursery rhymes with your toddler. Many common melodies can be adapted to nursery rhymes you know.
- Play a rhyming game with your preschooler:

The Rhyme with Me Game.
 (To the tune of "Row Your Boat.")
 Rhyme, rhyme, rhyme along,
 Rhyme along with me.
 Small and ball are rhyming
 words, [or whatever two words
 you are rhyming]
 Now rhyme along with me.

Ask your librarian for more suggestions for activities, music, & books that help teach through song & rhyme.
 Have fun with music! You are helping your child get ready to learn to read!

History On Film

Monday, Dec. 2 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Explore Times Square where America welcomes in the New Year in the city known as the entertainment and advertising capital of the world. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 4 3:45 p.m.

Time for a classic! This month we will discuss the book *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

Fiction Book Discussion

Tuesday, December 10 1 p.m.

Our book this month is *Time and Again* by Jack Finney. Si Moreley steps out of his 20th century apartment into the winter of 1882. Or did he?

Got Health Insurance??

Wednesday, December 11 6 p.m.

Millions of Americans are applying for coverage at the Health Insurance Marketplace. Hear an overview of the program, the registration process, and where you can find help.

Travel Film

Monday, Dec. 16 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Toronto lays on the shore of Lake Ontario and is the biggest city in Canada. Refreshments will be served. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, December 18 3:45 p.m.

Time to brainstorm ideas for January! Winter snacks will be provided. Teens grades 6 and up are welcome to join. *Registration is not required.*

Teens - Pizza & A Classic Film

Thursday, December 19 5 p.m.

Enjoy pizza for dinner while watching a classic film about the ghosts of Christmas, then perform improv scenarios of the play! Please be sure to register!

Classic/Feature Film

Monday, Dec. 30 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

This was director Vincente Minnelli's first color film- a captivating evocation of family life in St. Louis at the time of the

Book Giveaway

December 2 to 31

The Hobart Branch Library will give away free books for adults, teens, and children from our book sale room anytime during library open hours. Pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Adult Learning Classes

Monday & Wednesday, Dec. 2 to 18

Noon-4 p.m. or 4-8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, Dec. 3 to 19

Noon-4 p.m.

Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 672.

Coffee Break Tuesdays

Tuesday, December 3-31

10 a.m.-Noon & 4 - 6 p.m.

Adults and teens are invited to sit back and relax at your library with a cup of java (or tea) and a good book. *Registration is not required.*

History Film

Tuesday, December 3 2 p.m.

From saltwater taffy to classic and gourmet chocolate, discover the processes of making candy and how production has evolved through time. Refreshments will be served.

Learn to Act

Thursday, December 5 6 p.m.

An opportunity for all ages to learn about the craft of acting and perform monologue and improvisation exercises.

Teens & Tweens-Holiday Ornaments

Monday, December 9 5 p.m.

Teens and tweens (grade 4 to 12) can make holiday ornaments. Refreshments served.

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Branch Library Happenings

Happy Holidays

Tuesdays with Movies

Tuesday, December 10 2 p.m.

A famous food writer lies about life on a farm, raising her children, and being a good cook and now her job is on the line. Call the library for the title. Refreshments will be served. **Registration is not required.**

Who Picked This Book?

Tues. December 17 10:30 a.m.

Wed. December 18 6 p.m.

Join in this lively chat of *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* the story of a book club born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi on Guernsey island occupied by Germany in 1946.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, December 19 4 p.m.

Teens and 'tweens (grade 5-12) are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board to plan future programs and earn volunteer hours.

Stamp Camp

Thursday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, that covers the cost of customized greeting card making supplies. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Pancakes and Scrabble

Saturday, Dec. 21 10 a.m. - Noon

Everyone is welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble at the library.

Lake Station962-2409

2007 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN 46405

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/lscn.htm

Computer Class - Meet the Mouse

Tuesday, December 3 2 p.m.

Learn the basics of how to 'click' and move the mouse effectively. Class size is limited. Registration required.

English as a Second Language

Tues. & Thurs., Dec. 3-19 5-8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 7-28 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) offers English language classes. To register, call (219) 850-4448 or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

Computer Class - Basic Computers

Wednesday, December 4 2 p.m.

Beginners will learn the keyboard, desktop, and simple word processing skills. Class size is limited, and registration is required.

Book Chat

Thursday, December 5 10:15 a.m.

These Things Hidden by Heather Gudenkauf is the story of a 21-year-old released from prison whose effort to resume a normal life is undermined by her well-to-do parents' indifference and the stigma of her conviction.

Computer Class - Navigating the Net

Thursday, December 5 2 p.m.

Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Family Nutrition Program

Friday, Dec. 13 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics for adults and children while preparing quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

One on One Computer Class

Tues., Dec. 17 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Adults can sign up for a one-hour session on how to use the internet, set-up free email accounts, or write a resume.

Teen Scrabble

Tuesday, December 17 3 p.m.

Teens are welcomed for a game of Scrabble. Refreshments will be served. **Registration is not required.**

Got Health Insurance??

Wednesday, December 18 2 p.m.

Join us as we unravel the misconceptions of the Affordable Care Act and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Winter Break Afternoon Movie

Thursday, December 26 2 p.m.

Join us for popcorn and lemonade as we watch what happens when a master criminal becomes involved with three little orphan girls. This animated feature is rated PG. **No registration required.**

Winter Break Movie Event

Thursday, December 26 6 p.m.

Pirates, the undead, adventure, comedy, and romance—join us for a rollicking good time! (Rated PG-13) Refreshments will be served. **No registration required.**

Merrillville.....769-3541

1919 W. 81st Ave., IN 46410

www.lcpl.in.org/branches/cnl.htm

Ask Me! I Work Here!

Mondays, December 2-30 2-4 p.m.

Library staff will be available at Merrillville Branch's Cafe Vending Area to answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device.

Featured Database LIVE!

A to Z the World

Mon., Dec. 2-30 2 - 2:15 p.m.

A to Z World is an online information source covering 175 countries for business or pleasure travelers. Stop by Mondays for a 5 minute overview of this unique resource.

Gardening Program: Beekeeping

Wednesday, December 4 3 p.m.

Master Gardener Susan Eleuterio will do a presentation on beekeeping. This monthly gardening series is held the first Wednesday of the month.

Paper Creations with Jolanda

Thursday, December 5 1 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to cover materials to design and create customized greeting cards, due at the time of class. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 317

Friends of LCPL Meeting

Tuesday, December 10 1 p.m.

All members of the 'Friends of Lake County Public Library' and those interested in joining are invited to attend. Ext. 317

Ask a Librarian

Q: I need to find the list of books my child is required to read. My daughter is in 5th grade. Would you have a way to find the list?

A: Go to the library's site: www.lcpl.in.org and click on the "Kids" link at the top of the page. Then, drop down to the "School Reading" link. On the next screen, choose your child's school. You will be linked to the school's website and reading lists for your child.

Branch Library Happenings

Happy Holidays

Northwest Indiana Butterfly Club

Thursday, December 12 10 a.m.

Observe and learn about butterflies, gardening, rearing, conservation and photographing them on the 2nd Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Dian Fruth at dfruth@comcast.net or Laura Tucker, lauratucker2@frontier.com. Ext. 315

Circle of Readers

Thursday, December 12 6:15 p.m.

Everyone is invited to discuss what books they thought were the best of the year. Stop in for refreshments and a lively chat.

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting

Friday, December 13 9-11 a.m.

The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2014 reading initiative. Anyone in the 'Region' communities is welcome to the table! Ext. 315

Movie Time

Saturday, December 14 1 p.m.

This epic is the first of a trilogy of films adapting the popular masterpiece by J.R.R. Tolkien. Popcorn and beverages served. Rated PG-13; 170 minutes.

Registration not required.

Chansonettes Christmas Music Program

Tuesday, December 17 6:30 p.m.

Come and indulge in some cookies, hot chocolate, and holiday music from the Chansonettes.

Play Chess & Checkers @ Your Library

December 2 to 31 All Day

Chess and Checker sets are available to use while in the library. Check out a game with your library card or state issued ID. Games are kept at the Circulation Desk and may be used for one hour.

Munster.....836-8450

8701 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321
www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

A Night at the Opera

Wednesday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

William Nelson of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion

Thursday, December 5 1:30 p.m.

The Good Girl's Guide to Getting Lost

by Rachel Friedman takes the reader on a whimsical coming-of-age journey to three continents as a young woman meets new friends and ends up on an unexpected adventure.

Classic Film

Monday, December 9 2 p.m.

Directed by George Cukor and starring Katherine Hepburn, this charming 1933 version of Louisa May Alcott's novel won overwhelming support and an Oscar for Best Adaptation Screenplay. Not rated; 115 minutes [cc].

Independent Film

Tues., Dec. 10 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Torn between his aliyah, dealing, complicated love life, and destructive brother, a young Parisian drug dealer must find his own way out of France for a new beginning in Tel Aviv. In French with English subtitles; not rated; 88 min.

Got Health Insurance?

Tuesday, December 17 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we unravel the misconceptions of the Affordable Care Act and point you in the right direction for finding insurance and following the law!

Explore Puerto Rico

Thurs., Dec. 19 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Roving Globe Trekker host Zay Harding ventures to the heart of the Caribbean and discovers sun-kissed beaches, dramatic mountains, a rich colonial history, and great music.

Blood Pressure Screening

Thurs., Dec. 26 10a.m.-Noon

A medical representative provides free blood pressure screenings. **No appointments or registration are needed.**

St. John.....365-5379

9450 Wicker Ave. St. John, IN 46373
www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Moon Called Book Discussion

Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.

Adults are invited to join in this paranormal fiction genre book discussion of *Magic Bites* by Ilona Andrews.

Stamp Camp

Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m.

Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a \$5 fee that covers the cost of materials provided.

Sit & Stitch

Wed., Dec. 4 & 18 6-8 p.m.

Bring your crocheting, knitting or sewing project & gather with others who have a common thread.

Page Turners Book Club

Wednesday, December 11 6:30 p.m.

Join us for conversation and fun as we discuss *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett.

Big Screen Musical

Tuesday, December 17 1:30 p.m.

Tap your toes to a film featuring Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Frank Morgan and Victor Fleming. Running time: 103 minutes.

Make & Takes: Crafts for Teens

Thursday, December 19 6:30 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th grade) will create a special craft in an evening filled with food and fun.

December's

Featured Database



A to Z the World

Point your web browser to <http://www.lcpln.org/learn/FindInfo/databases.html> and discover this thorough resource covering 175 countries: *AtoZ the World*. Use this electronic resource when traveling for business or pleasure and learn about the culture of a country. Student research is easy with areas covering culture, music, national symbols, education and women in society for each of the 175 countries. This database will be demonstrated each Monday in December Live! at 2 pm at the Merrillville Branch Café Area. Resident patrons are encouraged to dive into *AtoZ the World* from anywhere with their library card number and PIN.

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Get Your Library Happenings Online!

In an effort to help the library go green, beginning **January 2014** the Happenings will **only** be mailed to our **Friends of the Library Members**.

But the exciting news is that anyone can sign up on our website to get the Happenings newsletter emailed straight to your inbox every month!

If you do not have an email address, printed copies of "**The Happenings**" will continue to be available at all of our branch locations - or, come in today and ask a librarian to help you get a free email address!

Directions on how to receive the newsletter via email:

1. Go to our website at www.lcpl.in.org
2. Click on the 'Events' tab at the top of the page
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on 'Sign Up for Happenings Emails!'
4. The next page will give you step-by-step instructions.

If you prefer to continue to receive the Happenings through the mail, it's easy to become a member of the "**Friends**." Annual memberships start at \$5/Individual, \$10/Family, \$15/Sponsorship or a one-time Life membership for \$100. Call 769-3541, Ext. 317 and we'll set you up.



December

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Children's Programs



**MOTHER GOOSE
ON THE
LOOSE!**

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lap-sit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development & motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

1st Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.
2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

1st Monday 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:

1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:

2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch

1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:

2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:

2nd & 4th Thursday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:

2nd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:

2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:

2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary 46406

844-8809 www.lcpln.org/branches/bo.htm**Holiday Ornament****Wednesday, December 11****4:30 p.m.**

Children in grades kindergarten and up can select from a variety of patterns and make a special ornament to take home for their tree. Preregistration is a must.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake 46303

374-7121 www.lcpln.org/branches/cl.htm**Crafts & More @ the Library!****December 2 to 31****All Day**

All month long during library open hours enjoy crafts and more for all ages, along with early literacy activities for families and young children! It's always fun @ the library!

Snack & Plan**Monday, December 2****4 p.m.**

Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids, along with other volunteer activities. For teens 12 & older.

LEGO Mania**Thursday, December 5****4:30-6 p.m.**

Children through 6th grade will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library LEGO bricks! All supplies--and snacks--will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

STEAM Friday!: The Seasons**Fridays, December 6-20****All Day**

Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math, enjoy exploring seasons, hibernation, music and sounds!

Sweet Times**Tuesday, December 10****4 p.m.**

Teens will make candy, cupcake fondue and hot chocolate. Make candy for library programs and earn volunteer time. Box some up to take home for gifts, too!

Gifts of the Season**Saturday, December 14****10 a.m. - Noon**

Children of all ages will create artwork to celebrate the holiday season. Children can also make an ornament for the library tree.

Craft it, Gift it, Keep it!**Thursday, December 19****4 p.m.**

Reconstruct an old t-shirt into a gift worthy bag or new shirt. Bring a shirt--all other materials and snacks will be provided!

Games Galore!**Saturday, December 28****10 a.m. - Noon**

Children of all ages and their families will enjoy a variety of games, including Scrabble, Chess, Uno and much more!

Music Music Family Story Time Fun**Monday, December 30****6:30 p.m.**

Help us ring in the new year with music! Participate in musical stories and make a simple instrument, too! We will even make a musical snack!

New Year's Bash**Tuesday, December 31****10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

Children of all ages will hear a story, sing, dance, and play as we celebrate the start of a new year!

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville 46375

322-4731 www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm**LEGO Club****Wednesday, December 4****6:30 p.m.**

School age children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Dynamite DUPLOs**Thursday, December 5****10:30 a.m.**

This is a 30 minute program for 2-5 year old children, with a caregiver, and includes simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

Family Story Hour**Thursday, December 12****6:30 p.m.**

Families with children ages 3-7 will enjoy approximately 1 hour of stories, songs, activities, a short film and a craft.

Power Paws for Kids**Saturday, December 21****11 a.m.**

Children will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. All ages welcome. *Registration is not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Township Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith 46319

838-2825 www.lcpln.org/branches/gr.htm**Family Scrabble Night****Thursday, December 5****6 p.m.**

Families are invited to a fun evening of playing Scrabble--you are sure to increase your vocabulary. Other board games are available if you are not a Scrabble player.

Celebrate Winter

Tuesday, December 10

4 p.m.

Children, grades kindergarten to 6, will celebrate winter with the story *Over and Under the Snow* and make a small brown mouse to take home.

Paper, Stamps & Ink

Saturday, December 14

11 a.m.

This adventure into paper creation is a new program for children in kindergarten and up to make customized greeting cards and more! There is a \$5.00 fee for the materials that will be used. After the program we will enjoy holiday cookies and cocoa.

LEGO Mania

Monday, December 16

4 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Graphic Novel - Double Play for Teens

Tuesday, December 17

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19

6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 27

2 p.m.

Tonight teens will watch the 1st of the Batman series then compare it to the book *The Dark Knight Returns*. Next we'll concentrate on the book *Batman, The Dark Knight Returns*. Those teens that missed our double play can join the fun on Friday afternoon to watch parts 1 and 2. Fans of Graphic novels are welcome to come in and see how this book discussion is run and then join us next month.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland 46322

838-2394

www.lcpln.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion - A Christmas Carol

Wednesday, December 4

3:45 p.m.

Time for a classic! This month we will discuss the book *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Books may be picked up at the circulation desk. *Registration is not required.*

Family Holiday Story Hour

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 p.m.

Families and their children, 3 to 7 years old, will enjoy holiday stories, finger plays, music, a craft and other early literacy activities.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, December 11

3:30 p.m.

School age children are invited to construct a 'challenge' building theme with the library's LEGO blocks. They may also bring a structure from home to talk about during the 'show and tell' part of the program. At the end of the program, current constructions are displayed in the library until the next meeting. Parents of children in kindergarten through 2nd grade should plan to stay in the room with their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Holiday Crafts for School Age Kids

Saturday, December 14

1 p.m.

A selection of holiday crafts will be available for school age children in kindergarten to grade 5 to make for gift-giving or decorating. Younger children (grades K-2) will need a parent's help.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, December 18

3:45 p.m.

Time to get into a science frame of mind as we brainstorm ideas for January! Winter snacks will be provided. Teens grades 6 and up are welcome to join.

Registration is not required.

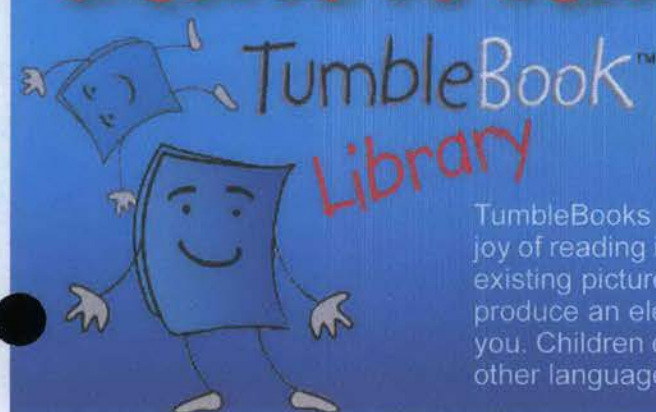
Teens - Classic Film, Pizza and a Play!!

Thursday, December 19

5 p.m.

'Are these the shadows of things that must be or are they the shadows of things that MIGHT be?' Find out as we have pizza for dinner and watch a classic film about the ghosts of Christmas. After the film, we'll do some improv scenarios of the play! Please be sure to register!

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids!



TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. Children can also play puzzles and games, as well as read books in other languages such as Spanish and French.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart 46342

942-2243

www.lcpln.org/branches/ho.htm**Book Giveaway****December 2 to 31****All Day**

The Hobart Branch Library will give away free books for teens, and children from our book sale room anytime during library open hours. To receive a free book, simply submit a book review to be published on our 'Book Nook' blog. If you would like to participate, pick up a book review form at the circulation desk. Three entries per person, per month.

Kids Craft Table**December 2 to 31****All day**

All month long children can make a craft at our kids craft table. Stop by the circulation desk for the supplies. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Night**Tuesday, December 3****6 p.m.**

School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) in this one hour program, will have fun working with LEGO bricks as they use their imagination to create unique structures.

Learn to Act**Thursday, December 5****6-8 p.m.**

In this program, children, 'twens, and teens (kindergarten through grade 12) will learn about acting and perform acting exercises such as monologues and improvisation. Families are welcome to join us as well as anyone else interested in learning the craft of acting.

**Teens and Tweens-Holiday Ornaments****Monday, December 9****5 p.m.**

Teens and tweens in grade 4 and up can come make holiday ornaments in this arts and crafts class. Refreshments will be served.

Evening Pajama Movie**Tuesday, December 17****6-7:30 p.m.**

Families are invited to join us for this evening pajama movie, 85 minutes, rated G, c1992. This is a Muppet re-telling of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Kermit the Frog is Bob Cratchit and Michael Caine plays Scrooge. Children can wear their pajamas and bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and a stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting**Thursday, December 19****4 p.m.**

Teens and 'twens in grade 5 and up are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board. Teens will plan future programs, talk about books they have read, and earn volunteer hours. All teens are welcome and don't forget to bring a friend! Snacks will be served.

Pancakes and Scrabble**Saturday, December 21****10 a.m. - Noon**

All ages are welcome to eat pancakes and play Scrabble at the library. Come enjoy your breakfast and have fun playing games with others.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave., Lake Station 46405

962-2409

www.lcpln.org/branches/lenc.htm**Family Story Time****Wednesday, December 4****6 p.m.**

Families can enjoy a Christmas story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays.

Books to Movies**Wednesday, December 11****2 p.m. & 6 p.m.**

Charles's Dickens' classic Christmas favorite gets a fun and surprisingly faithful treatment in this musical version, with the traditional roles played by your favorite Muppet characters. *Registration is not required.*

Reindeers**Wednesday, December 11****6 p.m.**

Children (kindergarten and up) will make a reindeer craft and hear a seasonal story.

Family Nutrition Program**Friday, December 13****11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics for adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Teen Scrabble

Tuesday, December 17

3 p.m.

Join us for a game of Scrabble. Refreshments will be served.
Registration is not required.

Tween Time

Wednesday, December 18

6 p.m.

Children (10 - 12 years) will make a holiday wreath and hear a story. Space is limited, registration is required.

Winter Break Movie Event

Thursday, December 26

2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for popcorn and lemonade as we watch what happens when a master criminal becomes involved with three little orphan girls. This animated feature is rated PG. *No registration required.*

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville 46410

769-3541 www.lcpln.org/branches/cnl.htm

Enviroholiday - Recycle and Craft Program

Tuesday, December 3

3 p.m.

Lara Gonzalez, Environmental Education Coordinator from the Lake County Solid Waste Management District will give a presentation on recycling and reusing, especially during the holiday season, followed by a recycle craft session.

Board Game Fun

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 p.m.

Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in!

The Happy Holidays Story Hour

Thursday, December 5

4 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will celebrate the holidays with stories, games, and some caroling. They will also make an ornament.

'Tis the Season' Family Movie Time

Saturday, December 7

Noon

The whole family is invited to our 'Tis the Season' Family Movie Time for this animated movie starring Mickey Mouse and friends: rated G. Run time: 72 minutes. Participants may bring snacks or lunch. No red or other dark colored drinks. *Children under the age of 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

Stuffed Animal Story Time and Sleepover!

Wednesday, December 11

4 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade with a special stuffed animal are invited to enjoy stories and activities together. After story time, the children can leave their stuffed animal at the library for a sleepover. Participants will receive a special photograph of their animal's overnight adventure when they pick them up the next day.

LEGO Club

Monday, December 16

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd through 6th grade will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Gaming Night

Wednesday, December 18

6 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 are invited to get together to play *Wii*, *PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Kids Art Club

Thursday, December 19

4 p.m.

Children in 2nd to 6th grade will learn how to draw and paint in this one hour, monthly art club.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster 46321

836-8450 www.lcpln.org/branches/mu.htm

Happy Holidays

Wednesday, December 4

4 p.m.

Children currently in kindergarten or older will celebrate the holiday season with games, stories and crafts. *Registration is not required.*

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, December 5

6 p.m.

Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

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LEGO Building

Thursday, December 12

3-7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave., St. John 46373

365-5379

www.lcpln.org/branches/sj.htm

Holidays Around the World

Thursday, December 5

4:30 p.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will celebrate the holiday season around the world by playing games, listening to stories, and making a craft.

Gingerbread Architects

Monday, December 9

4:30 p.m.

Buildings have never been so sweet! 'Tweens (grades 4 to 8) will have fun making a house with graham crackers, frosting and gingerbread people.

Crafty Gifts for the Season

Tuesday, December 10

4:30 p.m.

Young artists (kindergarten to grade 5) will create a crafty gift they can give to someone special this holiday season.

Amazing LEGO Blocks

Tuesday, December 17

4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 27

1:30 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts (kindergarten to grade 5) are invited to use their imagination as they build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Make & Takes: Crafts for Teens

Thursday, December 19

6:30 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th grade) will create a special craft in an evening filled with food and fun.

Collage Picture Fest

Friday, December 27

10:30 a.m.

Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will design a colorful picture collage gluing a little of this and a little of that.

Happy Holidays!



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In an effort to help the library go green, beginning **January 2014** the Happenings will **only** be mailed to our **Friends of the Library Members**.

But the exciting news is that anyone can sign up on our website to get the Happenings newsletter emailed straight to your inbox every month!

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1. Go to our website at www.lcpln.org
2. Click on the 'Events' tab at the top of the page
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on 'Sign Up for Happenings Emails!'
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